

VHIA

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Officers:

President - Detective Ronnie Young - Chesapeake Police Department - Ronnie is a 34 year veteran of the Chesapeake Police Department. After 3 years in Uniform Patrol, he was assigned to the Special Investigations Unit, Vice & Narcotics section for the next 8 years. After being transferred to the Criminal Investigations Section in 1991, he worked briefly in the property crimes section before being moved into the Crimes against Persons/Homicide unit. He worked active death investigations for 20 years and was selected to start the "Cold Case" section in 2011, where he remains currently assigned. Prior to his assignment in homicide, he served 10 years with SWAT and is a recipient of the Department's Heroism Award, the VHIA Homicide Investigator of the Year award as well as a two time recipient of the Meritorious Service Award. He's a Charter Member of the VHIA and served 4 years on the Awards Committee before being elected to the Board of Directors in 2006. In 2007, he was elected by the Board of Directors to serve as Vice President and in October of 2012, once again elected to become the 4th President of the V.H.I.A. organization. Ronnie has served as an Instructor for the DCJS for 29 years, specializing in Death Investigations, Interview and Interrogation Techniques and Search Warrant & Affidavit writing.

Immediate Past President - Detective Richard Leonard - Retired after 32 years in law enforcement. Rich was the 2000 recipient of the VHIA Homicide Investigator of the Year Award. He has been a Charter Member of the VHIA since 1993. He served in the US Air Force/Air National Guard and retired with 25 years of service in 2000. He was an enlisted aircrew member flying the C-130 Hercules aircraft.

Vice President - Special Agent Ken Morris - Virginia State Police - Ken is a certified Criminal Profiler and has been with the Virginia State Police since 1987. He has provided Criminal Investigative Analysis (traits of the unknown offender), threat assessment, statement analysis, interview/interrogation techniques and classroom instruction to various local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. He is also a bloodstain pattern analyst, crime scene forensic technician and crisis negotiator. He is a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute, serving in the US Army as an armor officer.

Treasurer - Tom Leonard - Division of Forensic Science Evidence Specialist - Tom retired as a Sergeant after 23 years with the Richmond City Police Department. While with Richmond he served in Patrol and Criminal Investigations to include Homicide and Cold Case Homicide. He was a member of the SWAT Team for 12 years, 11 of those years as a sniper. Tom received the Medal of Valor while serving with Richmond City Police and after retiring served as a violent crimes Detective with Stafford County Sheriff's Office, then a Forensic Evidence Specialist at the Division of Forensic Science in Richmond. He is now serving as a Corporal-Shift Supervisor with the Richmond International Airport Police Department.

Secretary - Detective James Dooley - Retired - Fairfax County Police Department - Jim is a Charter member and Founding member of the VHIA. He retired from the Fairfax County Police Department after 25 years of service. He was assigned to the Major Crimes Unit for 19 years and spent his last 14 years assigned to the Homicide Unit. Jim has continued his investigative career by working as an investigator for the Virginia State Bar Association for over ten years and is now a Senior Fraud Investigator for Navy Federal Credit Union.

Training Director - Chris Flanagan - 25 years with Fairfax County Police - 19 years as detective working narcotics, robbery, and homicide. Currently assigned to the Cold Case Squad. Member of VHIA since 2000. VHIA Awards Committee since 2010.

Membership Director – Julie Labra - Julie brings 17 years of program management experience, having started her Federal career in 1999 within the Department of Health & Human Services. She joined an agency within the Department of Homeland Security in 2007 as senior program analyst, and has served as an anti-terrorism Program Manager for over 6 years, having also accepted two interim details as Special Assistant to the Executive Director in June 2014, and Acting Director of Strategic Communications in February 2015. Her service to the Front Office executives was to advise on matters pertaining to program management, budget, acquisitions, and associated regulations, as well as managing complex projects from an enterprise level for the organization. Julie has extensive experience in delivering projects and programs, garnering stakeholder support, satisfying customer requirements, aligning capital resources, establishing governance models, and directing integrated teams in mission-critical initiatives. Julie holds a Master of Science in Business and Financial Management degree from Johns Hopkins University, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education from the College of Notre Dame of Maryland. Julie is a DHS Level III Certified Program Manager.

Board of Directors:

Investigator Tim Spitler - Rockingham County Sheriff's Office - Tim is a 22 year veteran of the Rockingham County Sheriff's Office. After 3 years starting out in the jail, he was promoted to Road Deputy. Within three years as a Road Deputy, he was promoted to Investigation, where he currently serves as a Investigator/Licensed Polygraph Examiner. Tim received the Homicide Investigator of the Year Award from the Virginia Homicide Investigators Association. Tim has also taught Interview and Interrogations locally for the past five years.

Special Agent Dan Rice - Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) - Dan has over 34 years of law enforcement experience 25 of was with NCIS prior to his retirement in 2011. He worked cold case homicides for 16 years and presented at seminars for local, state and federal agencies. Dan has taught crime scene processing at FLETC in Brunswick, Georgia. He served as a team leader of the Major Case Response Team responsible for processing crime scenes on major case investigations. For the past three years Dan has been working for the Defense Unknown Subject Team investigating cold case espionage investigations involving the Department of Defense. Dan is a Charter Member of the VHIA and a past recipient of the VHIA Homicide Investigator of the Year Award. He is a graduate of Old Dominion University and served in the US Navy as a Radar Intercept Officer flying in the F-4 Phantom.