



# Virginia Mayors Institute

*Gordonsville Town Hall*

## Working for Smart Communities

Sept. 30 - Oct. 1, 2016

Williamsburg Lodge • 310 South England St. Williamsburg, VA 23185

## Agenda

### Saturday, September 30

**8:15-8:45 a.m. Registration & Breakfast**

Allegheny Room AB

**8:45 a.m. Welcome and introductory remarks**

Presiding: Robert K. Coiner, VML President, Gordonsville Mayor

**9 a.m. Mayors roundtable**

Share your success story or ask for advice about a problem during this interactive session.

**11 - 11:15 a.m. Refreshment Break**

**11:15 a.m. - FOIA**

**12:30 p.m.**

Making sure that your name is not the one that shows up in the media for violating the Freedom of Information Act

Speaker: Lola Rodriguez Perkins, Hampton Senior Deputy City General

**12:30-1:15 p.m. Group Luncheon**

Allegheny Room C

**1:15 - 2:15 p.m. COIA**

The most important things officials need to know about the Virginia Conflict of Interests Act. You need to know this law!

Speaker: Andrew R. McRoberts, Attorney, Sands Anderson PC

**2:15 - 3:45 p.m. Good Governance Panel**

It is crucial that local government elected and appointed leaders keep their governance arrangements up to date and relevant. This session will define the principles that should underpin the governance of each local government organization and will provide a structure to help individual authorities with their approach to governance.

Speaker: Russell A. Jones, Onancock Mayor; Brannon Godfrey, Warrenton Town Manager; Eric H. Monday, Martinsville City Attorney

*Held in conjunction with*

### Building Healthy Communities



VML Annual Conference  
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**3:45 - 4 p.m. Break**

**4 - 4:45 p.m. Delivery Bots**

Virginia became the first state in the nation to pass state-wide legislation allowing autonomous vehicles (robots) on sidewalks. Join us as we talk about the legislation, how autonomous vehicles will shape deliveries in the future, and the economic opportunities associated with these unmanned systems.

Speaker: Michele Satterlund, Partner, McGuire Woods LLP & Senior Vice President McGuire Woods Consulting

**6:30 - 7 p.m. Reception**

Tidewater Room B

**7 - 8:30 p.m. Group Dinner**

Tidewater Room CD

## Sunday, October 1

**8:15 - 8:45 a.m. Breakfast**

Allegheny Room AB

**8:45 - 9:45 a.m. Budgeting 101**

If you understand the money, governing the locality will flow smoother. This workshop will focus on budgeting considerations, techniques and processes. Financial monitoring and danger signals will be explored with tips for elected leaders who want to stay out of stormy financial seas.

Speakers: Dr. Edwin C. Daley, Emporia Assistant City Manager; Sheryl Bailey, Springsted Senior Vice President

**9:45 - 10 a.m. Refreshment Break**

**10-11 a.m. Natural Disasters and the Cost to Local Governments**

In this session, we will discuss the human, physical, and fiscal challenges for state and local leaders created by natural storms and disasters – Hurricanes Harvey and Irma alone will be in the hundreds of billions of dollars. These natural disasters cost numerous lives. All too much of the costs to states and local governments were not covered by insurance – raising the issue of whether that should be an unfunded state/local mandate.

Speaker: Tonya Neaves, Managing Director for the Centers on the Public Service with George Mason University Schar School of Policy and Government

**11 - 11:45 a.m. Planning for the future**

A facilitated discussion of the topics that should be covered at future Institutes

**11:45 a.m. - Noon Concluding Remarks and Presentation of Certificates**

David Helms, Marion Mayor, VML Past President