



## PENINSULA ALCOHOL SAFETY ACTION PROGRAM

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February 10, 2020

### Executive Summary

Dear Peninsula Alcohol Safety Action Program (PASAP) Stakeholders:

I am pleased to provide you the Peninsula Alcohol Safety Action Program (PASAP) 2018 – 2019 Fiscal Year Report. The PASAP has a rich history of serving the citizens on the Virginia Peninsula by providing programs and services to help our citizens with substance abuse, and driving related offenses. We are committed to working with all of you to eliminate the incidences of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drug-related crashes through:

- Enforcement
- Adjudication
- Case Management
- Providing Public Information and Education
- Program Evaluation and Certification

In 2018 calendar year, 278 people were killed in Virginia as a result of alcohol and/or drug-related crashes. An additional 7,181 more Virginians were injured as a result of alcohol and/or drug-related crashes. All of us here at PASAP are dedicated to the elimination of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drug-related crashes by using the tools in our program to change behaviors.

### PROGRAM UPDATE:

In June, 2019, the program saw the departure of Ms. Angela D. Fortune as the Executive Director of PASAP. On October 28, 2019, Mr. Rohan M Williams began his duties as the new Executive Director of PASAP.

On January 03, 2020, PASAP changed the way it provides services to our constituents. We are no longer closed from 12:00pm to 1:00pm for lunch. Instead, our office and phone lines remain open to our clients from 8:00am to 4:00pm. In February 2020, our Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) certified Driver Improvement classes will begin again (*interested clients can contact PASAP directly for information or contact the traffic section of their General District Court in their jurisdiction*).

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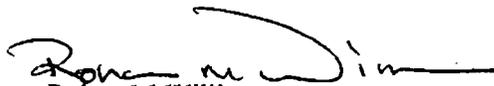
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In 2020, PASAP is looking to make our facility safer for our staff and clients by installing security cameras on our building and premises and installing improved lighting on our facility. We are exploring opportunities to acquire funding for these projects and welcome any assistance (financial or otherwise) our partners can provide to help us achieve our goal. We continue seek out training for staff development and are always looking for ways to streamline our internal processes to ultimately provide better and more efficient services to those we serve.

The PASAP remain committed to our core values to improve transportation safety by decreasing the incidents of driving under the influence of alcohol and other drugs.

We are proud to be your partner and welcome any ideas or feedback you may have that will help us to be better.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rohan M Williams". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Rohan M Williams  
Executive Director PASAP

**PASAP FY 2019, Annual Report**  
(July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019)

Prepared for Cities of:

- Newport News
- Hampton
- Poquoson
- Williamsburg

Counties of:

- York
- James City
- Charles City

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**PENINSULA ALCOHOL SAFETY ACTION PROGRAM  
(PASAP)**

*Improving transportation safety by decreasing the incidents of driving under the influence of alcohol and other drugs.*

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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

For over 40 years, Peninsula Alcohol Safety Action Program (PASAP) has served the Virginia Peninsula jurisdictions; providing probationary support, case management, Offender monitoring, and education and treatment referral services to individuals convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol, drugs, habitual offenders, suspended and reckless driving.

Our Policy Board continues to support our program with oversight and direction. The PASAP local and State Law Enforcement Agencies, the Commonwealth Attorney's Office, Judges, Treatment Providers, Community Groups and local Schools, offer support and benefit from our program. In addition, many of our citizens benefit by voluntarily enrolling in our programs to satisfy the requirements of the Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV), court licensure requirements or from other services we provide.

The Commission on Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program (VASAP) provides State wide regulatory guidance for our program. Our staff are very dedicated to providing quality service to our citizens and organizations we serve. I am very honored to serve as Executive Director of Peninsula ASAP with our hard working and dedicated staff and to partner with all of you in our mission to make our region's roads and highways safer.

This report is to provide information and awareness to you about reader program. This report provides information about services and fees associated with our program. We provide service to citizens in seven localities on the Virginia Peninsula on a daily basis. Peninsula ASAP receives no local or State tax dollars (*there are no other reliable source of funding*) to support the program and operates solely on fees collected from clients for services rendered. Clients failure or inability to pay fees for services provided, affect the program revenues and hence affect our staffing and services we provide to our citizens.

We are dedicated and passionate about the work we do. Our staff and Policy Board, are critical to our overall and continued success. We strive to make noticeable, positive impacts in our community and the lives of the people we serve.

Respectfully,

  
Rohan M Williams  
PASAP, Executive Director

## **SUMMARY INFORMATION**

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### **PENINSULA ALCOHOL SAFETY ACTION PROGRAM(PASAP)**

- One of 24 local ASAP programs in Virginia
- Established by and operated under Virginia Code Sections 1B.2-271.1 and 1.2-1300
- Regulated and certified by the Virginia Commission on VASAP in Richmond VA
- Locally administered by Peninsula ASAP Policy Board
- Serves the Cities of Newport News, Hampton, Williamsburg, Poquoson and the Counties of James City, York County and Charles City

### **SERVICES**

- Probationary case monitoring for court-referred alcohol or drug offenders, habitual offenders, reckless driving, drunk drivers, drug offenders and youth alcohol or drug offenders services.
- Ensure compliance with court requirements, including alcohol and drug testing.
- Monitor out-of-state program participation and persons who are out of State and entering into program to comply with Virginia DMV requirements.
- Monitor drivers with ignition interlock systems.
- Provide Habitual Offender assessments and evaluations for courts.
- Provide substance abuse intervention through State approved substance abuse education, intensive education, young offender and relapse prevention curricular.
- Provide referral to licensed treatment providers and certified substance abuse treatment programs.

### **PROGRAM TARGET AREAS**

- Case Management/Offender Intervention - Provide probationary services for court, education and treatment referrals, DMV and ignition interlock monitoring.
- Enforcement - help provide training, assistance and recognition to area law enforcement agencies to enhance detection and apprehension of drunk and drugged drivers.
- Adjudication - work with courts to ensure efficient and accurate processing of offenders.
- Certification - maintain ASAP program operation within the certification standards/ guidelines provided by the Commission on VASAP.
- Public information and education - help provide community awareness about the dangers of driving under the influence and other substance abuse problems.

## PASAP LOCAL POLICY BOARD

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Pursuant to Virginia Code Sections 15.2-1300 and 18.2 -271.1, each of the participating governmental jurisdictions are eligible, upon resolution or agreement, to join the Policy Board and appoint Board members to serve. The Peninsula ASAP Policy Board is responsible for the program and financial oversight, policy development, community education, and the hiring, of the Executive Director.

The Board is comprised of individuals representing law enforcement, legal, educators, and treatment providers, and individuals providing traffic safety. The Board is amenable to appointing other members who have a genuine interest in the ASAP program, and who represent the demographics of the areas it serves. The Policy Board meets quarterly September, December, March, and June (unless meetings are rescheduled). Active Committees of the Policy Board include Executive, Finance, By- Laws, and Personnel.

The PASAP Policy Board for 2018-2019 included the following individuals:

1. Greg LaRose - Chair, Representative James City County
2. Julia Alliman- Immediate Past Chair-Transition and Care Management/Program Manager Veterans Affairs Medical Center
3. Alfred Brassell, Vice Chair, Physician Ret., -Representative, York County VA
4. Michelle Boone-Thornton- Secretary Representative, Hampton VA
5. Lt. Bruce Johnson Law Enforcement- Representative, Williamsburg VA
6. Capt. Kelly Waddell, Law Enforcement - Representative, Poquoson VA
7. Hon David Jenkins, Councilman, Representative Newport News
8. Charles City - **Vacant**

**PENINSULA ALCOHOL SAFETY ACTION PROGRAM  
STAFF**

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1. Rohan M Williams- Executive Director
2. Kim Y. Barcliff- Senior Case Manager
3. Mauricio Zamarripa- Case Manager
4. Melissa Winstead- Case Manager
5. Roy Alister- Case Manager
6. Shamere Lyons- Case Manager
7. Kimberly Johnson- Program Specialist (Office Manager)
8. Ruth Rosario- Staff Technician
9. Lourie Moss- Accounts Receivable
10. Lynda Falkiner- License Restoration
11. Office Assistant II- Vacant
11. Compliance Technician- Vacant

## PROGRAM COST

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### Approved Budget for Fiscal Year:

- 2019 (JULY 1, 2018-JUNE 30, 2019) was \$791,920 (*the increase is as a result of inflation and the cost doing business*).
- FY 2018 budget of \$771,726.25.

The program operates solely from client fees; and does not receive any State, Federal or local funding (tax dollars). The program also pays State share fees to the Commission on VASAP to support its administrative and operational cost.

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## PROGRAM SERVICES (FY 2018 – 2019)

	FY18	FY19
<b>Services Provided:</b>		
1. Driver Improvement Program	0	0
2. Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) Driving on Suspended Intervention Program	466	478
3. Drug Offenders Program	42	20
4. Habitual Offender Evaluations	105	117
5. Habitual Offender Program	43	49
6. Ignition Interlock Monitoring Program	1,090	1,148
7. Reckless Driving	85	115
8. Driving Under the Influence (DUI)	1,577	1,704
9. Boating Under the Influence (BUI)	1	0
10. Young Offenders	14	5
11. Zero Tolerance	1	0
12. Community Service	28	16
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>3452</b>	<b>3652</b>

**Note:** 1. Clients are eligible to receive any combination of services based on their individual court order.

2. Detail description of all the services provided is located on pages 09-11; this partial list describes the number of services provided in the above named areas, with a two year comparison.

## PROGRAM REFERRAL STATISTICS

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### Age category breakdowns for all types of referrals from Peninsula ASAP jurisdiction courts

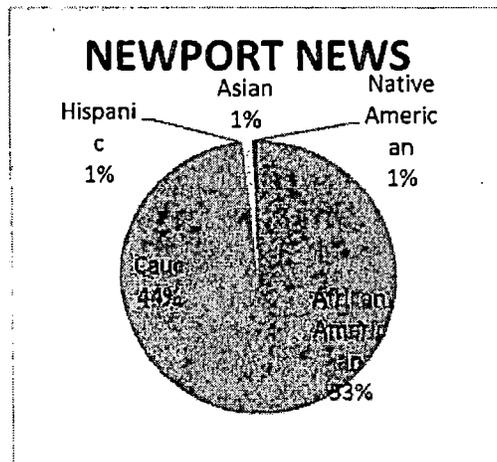
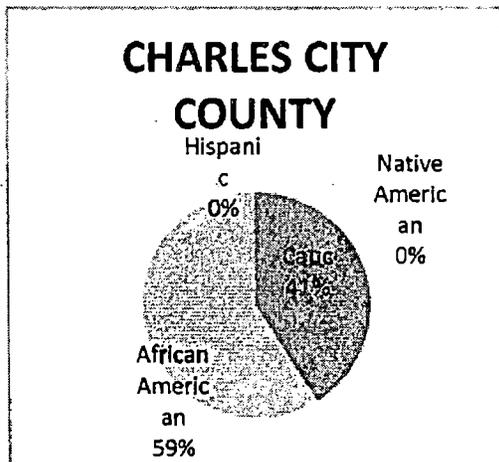
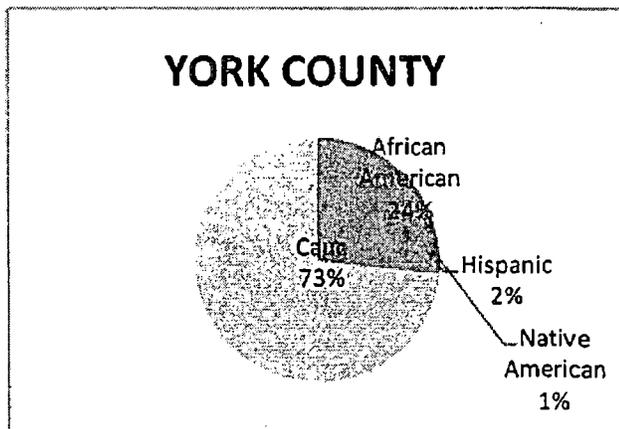
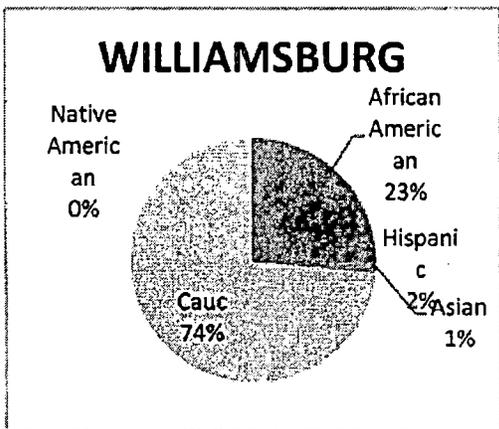
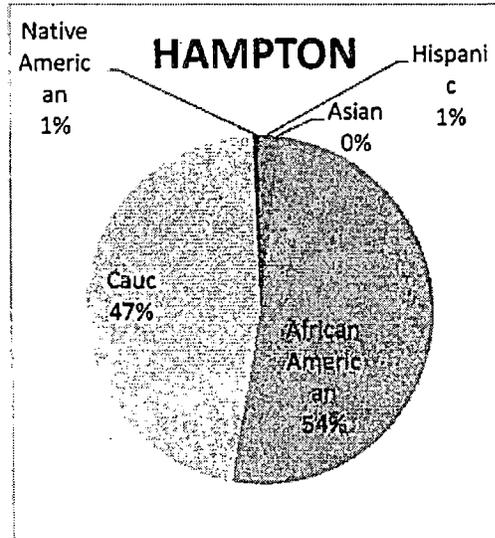
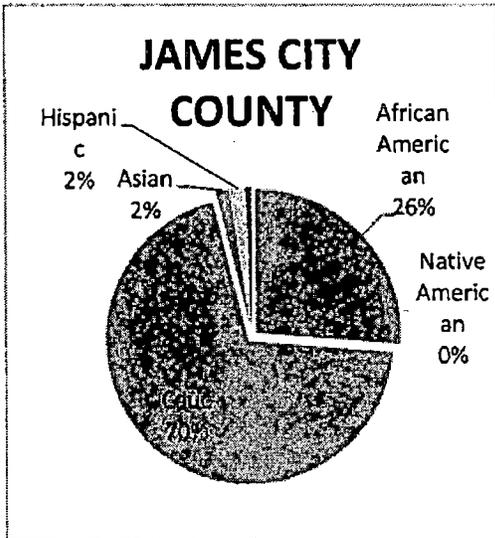
#### FY 2019

<u>Courts</u>	<u>Under 21</u>	<u>21-30</u>	<u>31-45</u>	<u>46-60</u>	<u>61 and over</u>	<u>Total</u>
Newport News	8	202	261	74	2	547
Hampton	13	88	155	47	5	308
York County (Includes Poquoson)	6	84	70	39	1	200
Williamsburg	7	87	61	18	1	174
James City County	4	44	62	24	2	136
Charles City County	0	7	2	2	2	13

#### FY 2018

<u>Courts</u>	<u>Under 21</u>	<u>21-30</u>	<u>31-45</u>	<u>46-60</u>	<u>61 and over</u>	<u>Total</u>
Newport News	5	176	163	119	3	466
Hampton	3	102	135	41	6	287
York County (Includes Poquoson)	2	73	78	59	2	214
Williamsburg	4	76	44	28	2	154
James City County	3	55	36	20	5	119
Charles City County	0	6	5	4	0	15

### PASAP REFFERALS BY JURISDICTION & RACE – FY 19



# PASAP REFERRALS BY JURISDICTION - FY2019

JURISDICTIONS # OF REFERRALS

JURISDICTIONS	DUI	RD	IGN	DRUG
Newport News	538	29	326	1
Hampton	265	25	167	2
Williamsburg	162	11	70	1
York County	227	14	184	0
Charles City Co	12	1	10	1
James City Co	141	11	84	2



## DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

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1. Education (Fee is \$100.00)

This is a 20-hour program which focuses on substance abuse and driving, substance abuse and health, and self-evaluation of potential for substance abuse (All persons must be tested for alcohol or drugs). If tested positive for either, the participant will immediately be reclassified for treatment.

2. Driving Under the Influences Offenders (Supervision fee is \$300)

Referred from court or Virginia DMV for convictions of driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. The terms DWI (Driving while intoxicated) and DUI (Driving under the Influence) are used interchangeably in Virginia. Services include education and/or treatment alcohol testing and probation monitoring.

3. Drug Offenders (Supervision fee is \$300)

Referrals from court usually for possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, or other drug-related charges. Services include education and/or treatment, drug testing and probation monitoring.

4. Habitual Offenders (Supervision fee is \$300)

(Persons seeking full license restoration) Referred from court after restoration of restricted driving privileges for ASAP supervision and intervention. These are offenders who have generally lost their driving privileges for at least the previous 3-5 years, after receiving at least 3 driving under the influence (DUI) convictions within a 10-year period. Some have multiple convictions of driving revoked or suspended. Services include education, treatment, relapse prevention, drug and alcohol testing and probation monitoring.

5. Reckless Driving Offenders (Supervision fee is \$300)

Referred from court occasionally for alcohol-related reckless driving charges, but usually these are offenders who were charged with driving under the influence (DUI) and their cases were reduced or amended to reckless driving. Services include education and/or treatment, drug and alcohol testing and probation monitoring.

6. Young Offenders (None driving related offenses—Supervision fee is \$150; Driving-related offenses—(Supervision fee is \$300).

Referred from court for underage drinking offenses and driving after consuming alcohol while under age. Services include education and/or treatment, alcohol and drug testing and probation monitoring.

7. ASAP Probation and Monitoring Services

Probationary services are offered for various types of offenders referred to ASAP. These services include intake and assessment of alcohol and drug use, referral to education and treatment, monitoring and reporting, DMV and ignition interlock services, office visits and alcohol breath analyzer testing.

Drug and alcohol urine testing costs are not included in the overall program probation fee.

8. Probation services extend beyond the duration of the alcohol education and treatment programs, lasting until the offender's restricted driving license expires, or until the probationary period imposed by the court expires, usually one year to three years. Some probation services are provided in both English and Spanish.

- Up to one year of probation (included in program probation fee) \$300.00.
- Second year of probation (\$30 per quarter for each appointment/review) \$120.00
- Third year of probation (\$30 per six months for each appointment/review) \$60.00

9. Alcohol-Drug Education Intervention Services

ASAP offers alcohol and drug education programs primarily for those offenders not found to be in need of substance abuse treatment and for those offenders once they complete substance abuse treatment. A relapse prevention education program is available for those persons attending treatment or at risk of relapsing. The education programs are for DUI offenders, drug offenders, young offenders under age 21 with alcohol and drug violations, habitual offenders, and other alcohol and drug-related cases. Some intervention education classes are provided in Spanish. The cost of these intervention programs is in addition to program assessment, monitoring and probation services:

- Intensive Alcohol education, 10 weeks for 20 hour curriculum
- Young Offender Alcohol and Drug education, 8 weeks for 16 hour curriculum Relapse Prevention Education (before/after treatment)
- 10 weeks for 20 hour curriculum

10. Substance Abuse Treatment Referral

Offenders are required to attend treatment for alcohol and drug problems. Clients are referred to certified treatment programs or licensed treatment providers. Treatment provider programs must agree to follow state and Peninsula ASAP guidelines in order to receive referrals from our program. All treatment costs are paid to the treatment provider by the offender. Treatment costs are in addition to the probation fee paid to ASAP. Length and cost of treatment may vary depending upon individual treatment needs and intensity of services. Some treatment providers have services available in both English and Spanish. Cost and length of treatment varies by provider.

11. Driving on Suspended Intervention Program

This class is required by DMV for all persons having received two driving revoked/suspended convictions within a 10-year period. The purpose of the program is to inform the offender about Virginia's traffic laws and to help prevent the occurrence of a 3rd conviction, which requires a mandatory jail sentence. A \$30.00 dollars for one hour class.

12. License Restoration Evaluation

This service is required of habitual offenders—offenders convicted of DUI 3<sup>rd</sup> or 1<sup>st</sup>, time offenders who

been administratively revoked by DMV for 3DUI convictions within a 10-year period. The ASAP evaluations are used by the offenders when petitioning the court for restricted driving privileges or full restoration of driving privileges. \$200.00 dollars per evaluation (includes drug and alcohol test).

13. Ignition Interlock Monitoring

This activity is required by some court orders and DMV. The ASAP program oversees the installation of the ignition interlock device on offender's vehicles and reviews and takes any necessary action on the monthly calibration results. Monitoring is required for a minimum of 6-month period with no alcohol violations to be considered for completion. Three hundred dollar monitoring fee, with additional \$50.00 dollars per month cost for each month the device is required to be installed beyond six months (one year probation cases pay no extra for monitoring within initial probationary period).

14. Urine Drug or Alcohol Screen

Urine samples are collected and tested at Lab Corp. Specific alcohol tests are mailed to a certified laboratory for testing. Clients and case managers are immediately notified of any positive results. Clients can request a re-test via an independent laboratory, at their own expense (cost per service \$100.00).

**PROGRAM ORGANIZATION CHART  
(FY 2019)**

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**COMMISSION ON VASAP**

**PENINSULA ASAPPOLICY BOARD**

**EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE**

**FINANCE  
COMMITTEE BY-  
LAWS COMMITTEE**

**EDUCATION/ADVOCACY COMMITTEE  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**OTHER COMMITTEES**

**CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS  
FISCAL AGENT**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
ROHAN M WILLIAMS**

**CASE MANAGER (CM)**

**KIM BARCLIFF- (SR CM).**

**MAURICIO ZAMARRIPA**

**MELISSA WINSTEAD**

**ROY ALISTER**

**SHAMERE LVONS**

**COMPLIANCE  
TECH- VACANT**

**FACILITATORS  
(VARIOUS)**

**PROGRAM SPECIALIST (PS)**

**KIMBERLY JOHNSON- PS**

**ADMIN SUPPORT**

**RUTH ROSARIO- ASST II**

**AC RECEIVABLE-**

**LAURIE MOSS**

**OFFICE ASST I- VACANT**

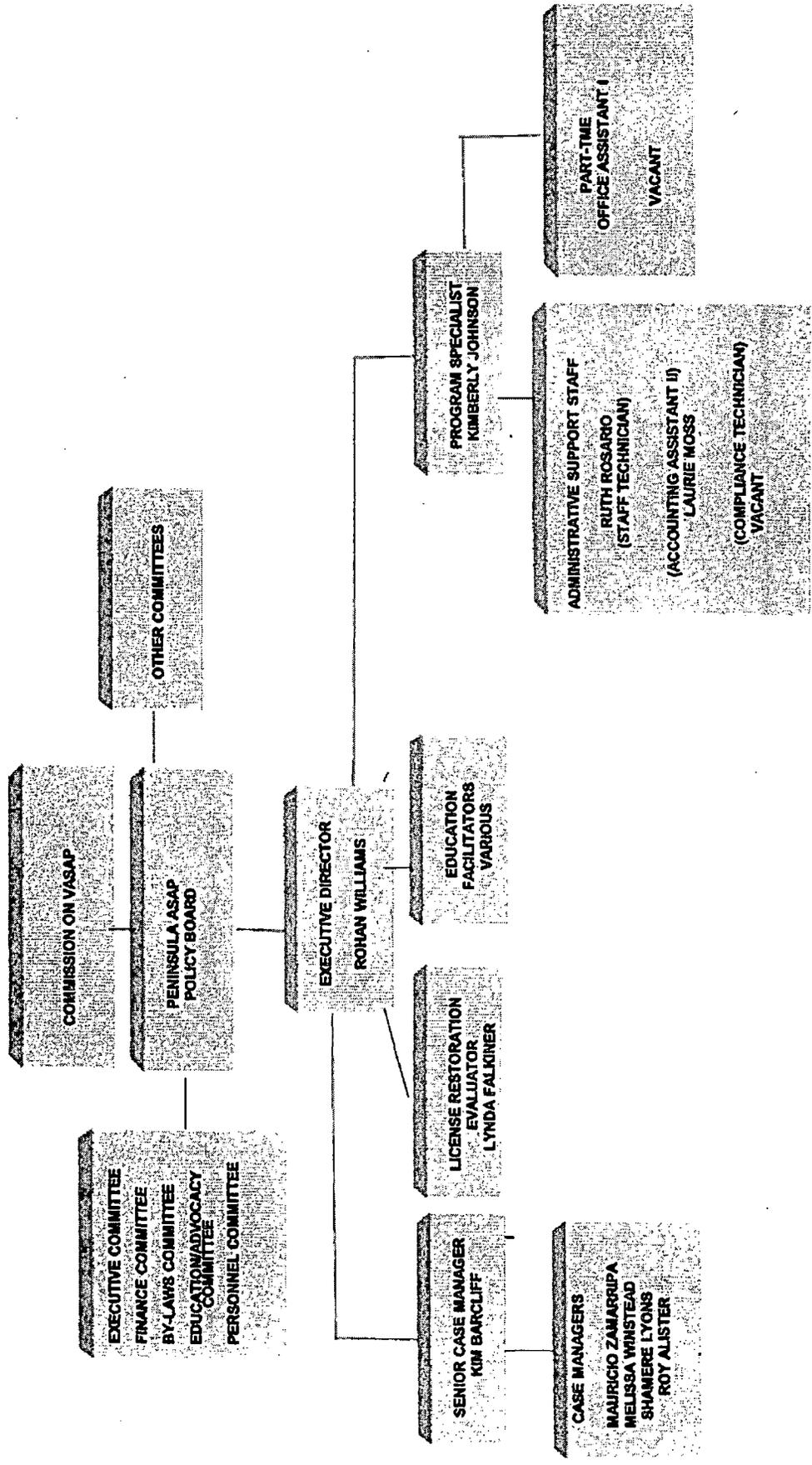
**LICENSE RESTORATION**

**LYNDA FALKNER**

# PENINSULA ALCOHOL SAFETY ACTION PROGRAM

## ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

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## PASAP'S JURISDICTION REPRESENTATIVE

### Peninsula Courts

#### City of Newport News

##### **GENERAL DISTRICT**

Hon. Tyneka LD. Fylthe, Presiding Judge  
 Hon. Matthew W. Hoffman, Presiding Judge Hon.  
 Michael S. Stein, Presiding Judge, Chief Judge  
 Robert G. Saunders, Presiding Judge, Chief Judge

##### **CIRCUIT:**

Hon. Bryant Sugg, Presiding Judge  
 Hon. Timothy S. Fisher, Presiding Judge  
 Hon. Gary A. Mills, Presiding Judge, Chief Judge  
 Hon. Peter C. Tench, Presiding Judge  
 Hon. Christopher R. Papile, Presiding Judge

#### City of Hampton

##### **GENERAL DISTRICT**

Hon. Tonya Henderson Stith Presiding Judge Hon.  
 Corry N. Smith, Presiding Judge, Chief Judge Hon.  
 Selena Stellute Glenn, Presiding Judge

##### **CIRCUIT:**

Hon. Christopher W. Hutton, Presiding Judge, Chief Judge Hon.  
 Bonnie L. Jones, Presiding Judge  
 Hon. Michael A. Gaten

#### York County

##### **GENERAL DISTRICT**

Hon. Colleen K. Killilea, Chief Judge  
 Hon. Stephanie E. Merritt,  
 Hon. Stephen Ashton Hudgins

#### York County/Poquoson

##### **CIRCUIT**

Hon. B.Elliott' Bordurant, Chief Judge  
 Hon. Richard H. Rizk, Presiding Judge

Hon. Jeffery W. Sha  
Hon. Michael E. McGinty

City of Williamsburg/James City County

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Hon. Colleen K. Killilea, Presiding Judge, Chief Judge  
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Hon. Stephen Ashton Hudgins

**CIRCUIT**

Hon. B. Elliott Bondurant, Chief Judge  
McGinty, Presiding Judge  
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Hon. Richard H. Rizk

Charles City County

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Hon. Jeffrey W. Shaw,  
Hon. Michael E. McGinty  
Hon. Richard H. Rizk

Law Enforcement

**POLICE CHIEFS**

HAMPTON - Terry L. Sult  
NEWPORT NEWS - Steve Drew  
JAMES CITY COUNTY - Bradely J. Rinehimer  
POQUOSON - Clifford T. Bowen  
WILLIAMSBURG - Sean Dunn

**SHERIFF OFFICE**

HAMPTON - B.J. Roberts

NEWPORT NEWS - Gabe Morgan  
YORK/POQUOSON - J.D. Danny Diggs  
WILLIAMSBURG/JAMES CITY COUNTY - David Hadin  
CHARLES CITY COUNTY - Alan M. Jones Sr.

**VIRGINIA STATE POLICE**

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HAMPTON/NEWS AREA- 46

**COMMISSION MEMBERS: VIRGINIA ALCOHOL SAFETY ACTION  
PROGRAM (VASAP)**

**VASAP COMMISSLON**

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Senator Glen H. Sturtevant, Jr.  
Senator Richard H. Stuart Delegate  
David J. Toscano Delegate  
Christopher E. Collins Delegate  
James A. "Jay" Leftwich Delegate  
Michael P. Mullin

**Judicial**

Honorable Mary Jane Hall  
Honorable George D. Varoutsos  
Honorable Gino W. Williams

**Law Enforcement Representative**

Sheriff Michael L. Wade, Chairman

**Behavioral Health and Developmental Services Representative**

Pending appointment

**DMV Representative**

Mr. John Saunders

Citizen Representative

Ms. Pat Eggleston

At-Large Members

Anthony Carmichael -ASAP Rep

Robin Allen -ASAP Rep

This concludes the Peninsula Alcohol Safety Action Program 2018 – 2019 Annual Report. Please let us know if you have any questions regarding any of the information provided to you. If you would like to schedule a tour of our facility or would like our staff to come out to an event to provide awareness and/or education on the dangers of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs; please contact us at (757) 594-8970.

-----End of Report for FY July 2018-June 2019----- **R N W** -----

**From:** Craig Quigley <cquigley@hrmffa.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 21, 2020 4:38 PM  
**To:** Craig Quigley  
**Subject:** Executive Insight Brief

**Ladies & Gentlemen, below please find this week's edition of *Executive Insight Brief* from The Roosevelt Group.**

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**Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy (Ret.)**  
**Executive Director**  
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**EXECUTIVE INSIGHT BRIEF**  
**FEBRUARY 21, 2020**

**TOP STORIES**

**Bloomberg debate debacle spurs Democratic hand-wringing**

Democrats are having second thoughts about [Michael Bloomberg after he fell flat in his debate](#) stage debut.

Before Wednesday night's performance — which Democrats across the board labeled as "terrible" and "pathetic" — many in the party were hopeful the former New York City mayor would emerge as a strong competitor to front-runner Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt), who continues to gain momentum.

### **U.S. intelligence told lawmakers of Russian bid to boost Trump re-election: source**

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - U.S. intelligence officials told lawmakers last week that [Russia is interfering in the 2020 election campaign](#) by aiming to cast doubt on the integrity of the vote and boost President Donald Trump's re-election, a person familiar with the briefing said on Thursday.

### **DoD policy chief John Rood forced out**

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon's top policy official has been pushed out of the department, potentially as part of the fallout from the Ukraine military aid issue at the center of the impeachment of President Donald Trump. [John Rood, undersecretary of defense for policy](#), is departing at the end of the month — a move that leaves yet another significant vacancy at the top of the Pentagon's senior civilian leadership. In his resignation letter to Trump on Wednesday, Rood said he was told the president asked that he resign.

### **The U.S. Should Get Ready for Syria's Return from War**

Among the most-hackneyed corporate retreat exercises is the "trust fall," in [which a volunteer falls backwards into the arms](#) of colleagues. The "trust" part comes from confidence that support will suddenly materialize, and among colleagues it always does.

Syria is on the brink of a trust fall, but support is nowhere in sight. Even though the Syria crisis is not of the United States' making and the Trump administration is hostile to open-ended engagements in the Middle East, it's

still in the U.S. interest to save Syria from further catastrophe.

**Two passengers die after leaving 'chaotic' quarantined cruise ship  
The death toll from the coronavirus outbreak climbed to 2,236 in  
China. Here is the latest.**

Ukrainians protest over evacuees returning from China

- South Korea [reports first coronavirus death as infections](#) linked to church rise
  - 2 people who were on quarantined cruise ship in Japan have died
- Quarantine on Diamond Princess cruise ship 'chaotic,' Japanese expert claims
  - Number of new confirmed cases drops in Hubei province
  - South Korea confirms first death of person infected with coronavirus
    - Two people die in Iran after contracting coronavirus
- Thousands of Americans voluntarily self-quarantine after returning from  
China

**THIS DAY IN HISTORY**

[1173](#)

Pope Alexander III canonizes Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury

[1613](#)

Michael Romanov, son of Patriarch of Moscow, elected first Russian Tsar of the  
house of Romanov

[1804](#)

1st locomotive, Richard Trevithick's, runs for the 1st time, along the tramway  
of the Penydarren Ironworks in Merthyr Tydfil, Wales

[1916](#)

World War I: Battle of Verdun begins with a German offensive, leads to an

estimated 1 million casualties and becomes the longest battle of the entire war  
(9 months)

1922

Britain declares Egypt a sovereign state

1972

Richard Nixon becomes the first U.S. President to visit China, normalizing relations between the countries in a meeting with Chinese leader Mao Zedong in Beijing

### **LOOK AHEAD**

**The Center for Strategic and International Studies holds a discussion with secretaries of the U.S. Military Departments.**

**10:00 AM EST on 02/21/2020**

CSIS, 1616 Rhode Island Avenue NW

202-775-3242

Andrew Schwartz, <http://www.csis.org>; Media must RSVP to [aschwartz@csis.org](mailto:aschwartz@csis.org)

Participants:

Acting Navy Secretary Thomas Modly

Kathleen Hicks, Director of the CSIS International Security Program

Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy

Air Force Secretary Barbara Barrett

**The Senate Commerce Security Subcommittee hosts a hearing assessing the oversight of air cargo security.**

**9:00 AM EST on 02/24/2020**

Boston Logan International Airport, 15 Transportation Way, Boston, MA, 02128

(202)-224-6965

Participants:

Steve Urchuk, Analogic CTO

Jennifer Ritter, United Airlines flight attendant speaking on behalf of  
Association of Flight Attendants-CWA, AFL-CIO

Edward Freni, director of aviation at the Massachusetts Port Authority

John Beckius, executive director of TSA's Air Cargo Division

Brandon Fried, executive director of the Airforwarders Association

**Department of Homeland Security Office of Partnership and  
Engagement hosts a teleconference federal advisory committee  
meeting to announce new taskings, appoint new members and more.**

**1:00 PM EST on 02/24/2020**

[HSAC@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:HSAC@hq.dhs.gov)

**Transportation Department; Federal Transit Administration holds a  
meeting of the Transit Advisory Committee for Safety, Feb. 25-26.**

Agenda includes: Welcome Remarks/Introductions; Facility Use/Safety  
Briefing; Review of TRACS Tasks and Work Plan; Safety Focus Area  
Presentations and Discussion Groups; Future TRACS Activities; Public  
Comments; and Summary of Deliverables and Concluding Remarks

**8:00 AM EST on 02/25/2020**

National Highway Institute, 1310 North Courthouse Road, Arlington, Va.

[Henrika.Buchanan@dot.gov](mailto:Henrika.Buchanan@dot.gov)

202-366-1783

Henrika Buchanan; RSVP required by February 15.

**The Senate Appropriations Homeland Security Subcommittee holds a  
hearing on proposed budget estimates and justification for FY2021 for  
the Homeland Security Department.**

**10:00 AM EST on 02/25/2020**

138 Dirksen Senate Office Building

[Senate Appropriations Committee Homeland Security Subcommittee](#)

202-224-7257

**The Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget holds the 2020 Better Budget Process Summit on "Building Momentum for Meaningful Reform."**

**1:15 PM EST on 02/25/2020**

Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill, 400 New Jersey Avenue NW  
[events@crfb.org](mailto:events@crfb.org)

202-596-3597

RSVP at <https://www.crfb.org/events/2020bbps>

Participants:

Maya MacGuineas, President of the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget

Bill Hoagland, Senior vice president of the Bipartisan Policy Center

[Sen. James Lankford](#)

Senate Budget Chairman Michael Enzi, (R-Wyo.)

Bill Dauster, Lecturer at the University of Pennsylvania

[Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse](#)

**The Senate Foreign Relations East Asia, the Pacific and International Cybersecurity Policy Subcommittee holds a hearing on "North Korea Policy One Year After Hanoi."**

**2:15 PM EST on 02/25/2020**

419 Dirksen Senate Office Building

[Senate Foreign Relations Committee East Asia, the Pacific and International Cybersecurity Policy Subcommittee](#)

202-224-6797

Witnesses:

Robert R. King, Senior adviser at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.

Bruce Klingner, Senior research fellow for Northeast Asia at the Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C.

Sue Mi Terry, Senior fellow and Korea chair at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.

**The Senate Armed Services Committee closed briefing on the U.S. European Command and U.S. Transportation Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for FY2021 and the Future Years Defense Program.**

**2:30 PM EST on 02/25/2020**

SVC-215 U.S. Capitol

[Senate Armed Services Committee](#)

202-224-3871

Witnesses:

Army Gen. Stephen R. Lyons, Commander of the U.S. Transportation Command, brief the committee

Air Force Gen. Tod D. Wolters, Commander of the U.S. European Command and supreme allied commander Europe for NATO

Full committee closed briefing on "Intelligence Matters."

2:30 PM EST on 02/25/2020

219 Hart Senate Office Building

202-224-1700

<http://intelligence.senate.gov>

**The National Defense Industrial Association holds a "U.S.-Finland Defense and Security Industry Seminar.**

Highlights:

— 8:45 a.m.: Finnish Ambassador to the United States Kirsti Kauppi delivers remarks

— 9:15 a.m.: Defense Undersecretary for Acquisition and Sustainment Ellen Lord; and Jukka Juusti, permanent secretary in the Finnish Ministry of Defense, deliver remarks

**8:45 AM EST on 02/26/2020**

Embassy of Finland, 3301 Massachusetts Avenue NW

[bsullivan@ndia.org](mailto:bsullivan@ndia.org)

703-247-2587

Britt Sullivan; Registration required at

[https://www.ndia.org/events/2020/2/26/0470\\_us-finland-industry-day](https://www.ndia.org/events/2020/2/26/0470_us-finland-industry-day)

**The Institute for Defense and Government Advancement holds its 14th annual Biometrics for Government and Law Enforcement Conference with the theme, "The 2020 Vision: Transforming the Government with Biometric Data and Technology," Feb. 26-28.**

Highlight:

— 9 a.m.: Pete Hall, acting deputy director of the National Counterterrorism Center, delivers remarks on "Integrating Biometric Capabilities into the National Counterterrorism Effort"

**8:50 AM EST on 02/26/2020**

Key Bridge Marriott, 1401 Lee Highway, Arlington, Va.

[info@idga.org](mailto:info@idga.org)

800-882-8684

Register at <https://www.idga.org/events->

[biometricsevent/?mac=IDGA Events Title Listing](https://www.idga.org/events-biometricsevent/?mac=IDGA%20Events%20Title%20Listing)

**Commodity Futures Trading Commission holds a meeting of the Technology Advisory Committee to hear presentations on stablecoins, audit trails, compliance solutions, and cryptocurrency self-regulatory organizations, insurance, and custody, and to discuss and vote on a recommendation from its Cybersecurity Subcommittee regarding the Financial Services Sector Coordinating Council Cybersecurity Profile.**

**10:00 AM EST on 02/26/2020**

CFTC, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st St. NW, Conference Center

202-418-5785

Meghan Tente; Conference call at 877-951-7311; Pass Code, 3637010

**The House Armed Services Committee holds a hearing on "The FY2021 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of Defense."**

**10:00 AM EST on 02/26/2020**

2118 Rayburn House Office Building

[House Armed Services Committee](#)

202-225-4151

Witnesses:

Defense Secretary Mark Esper

Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Mark A. Milley

**The House Appropriations Homeland Security Subcommittee holds a hearing on "Department of Homeland Security Budget Request for FY2021."**

**10:30 AM EST on 02/26/2020**

2359 Rayburn House Office Building

[House Appropriations Committee Homeland Security Subcommittee](#)

202-225-2771

Witnesses:

Acting Homeland Security Secretary Chad Wolf

**The International Spy Museum holds a briefing on "The Spy Finder," focusing on "how the CIA surveils, tricks and catches individuals who turn against their own country."**

**10:30 AM EST on 02/26/2020**

International Spy Museum, 700 L'Enfant Plaza SW

[info@spymuseum.org](mailto:info@spymuseum.org)

202-393-7798

RSVP at <https://www.spymuseum.org/calendar/detail/a-view-from-inside-the-cia-and-fbi/2020-02-19/>

Participants:

James Olson, Author of "To Catch a Spy: The Art of Counterintelligence" and former counterintelligence chief at the CIA

**The House Ways and Means Committee holds a hearing on "U.S.-China Trade and Competition."**

**10:30 AM EST on 02/26/2020**

1100 Longworth House Office Building

[House Ways and Means Committee](#)

202-225-3625

**The House Homeland Security Intelligence and Counterterrorism Subcommittee holds a hearing on "Confronting the Rise in Anti-Semitic Domestic Terrorism, Part II."**

**2:00 PM EST on 02/26/2020**

310 Cannon House Office Building

[House Homeland Security Committee Intelligence and Counterterrorism Subcommittee](#)

202-226-2616

**Fiscal Note - CQ Roll Call holds a discussion on the "Defense and the Federal Budget 2021."**

**8:30 AM EST on 02/27/2020**

CQ Roll Call, 1201 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 600.

[ann.dermody@fiscalnote.com](mailto:ann.dermody@fiscalnote.com)

202-650-6500

Ann Dermody; RSVP at [https://pages.fiscalnote.com/EV-2020-02-27-1284-DepartmentofDefenseEvent\\_LP-Registration.html?](https://pages.fiscalnote.com/EV-2020-02-27-1284-DepartmentofDefenseEvent_LP-Registration.html?)

Participants:

John Nichols, Partner at the Potomac Advocates

John Donnelly, Senior national security reporter at CQ Roll Call

John Luddy, Vice president of national security policy at the Aerospace Industries Association

Matt Padilla, National security counsel in the Office of Senator Udall

[Rep. Steve Womack](#)

**Federal Aviation Administration's Drone Advisory Committee holds a public meeting.**

**9:00 AM EST on 02/27/2020**

National Transportation Safety Board Boardroom and Conference Center  
located at 420 10th Street, S.W.

Members of the public who wish to attend, must register by emailing

[DACmeetingRSVP@faa.gov](mailto:DACmeetingRSVP@faa.gov)

**The House Appropriations Homeland Security Subcommittee holds a hearing on "U.S. Customs and Border Protection Budget Request for FY2021."**

**9:30 AM EST on 02/27/2020**

2008 Rayburn House Office Building

[House Appropriations Committee Homeland Security Subcommittee](#)

202-225-2771

Witnesses:

Acting U.S. Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Mark A. Morgan

**The House Armed Services Committee holds a hearing on "The FY2021 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the Department of the Navy."**

**10:00 AM EST on 02/27/2020**

2118 Rayburn House Office Building

[House Armed Services Committee](#)

202-225-4151

Witnesses:

Acting Secretary of the Navy Thomas B. Modly

Gen. David H. Berger, Commandant of the Marine Corps

**Navy Adm. Michael M. Gilday, Chief of naval operations**

**The House Appropriations State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Subcommittee holds a hearing on "Member Day."**

**2:00 PM EST on 02/27/2020**

HT-2 U.S. Capitol

[House Appropriations Committee State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Subcommittee](#)

202-225-2771

Witnesses:

Members of Congress

The House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee closed hearing on "World-Wide Threat."

3:00 PM EST on 02/27/2020

H-405 U.S. Capitol

[House Appropriations Committee Defense Subcommittee](#)

202-225-2771

Witnesses:

Defense Undersecretary for Intelligence and Security Joseph D. Kernan

**Acting Director of National Intelligence Joseph Maguire**

**The Brookings Institution holds a discussion on "How a Modernized Navy will Compete with China and Russia."**

**9:00 AM EST on 02/28/2020**

Brookings Institution, 1775 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Saul/Zilkha Room

[events@brookings.edu](mailto:events@brookings.edu)

202-797-6105

<http://www.brookings.edu>

Participants:

Acting Navy Secretary Thomas Modly, And Michael O'Hanlon, senior fellow at Brookings

**The Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency holds a meeting of the President's National Infrastructure Advisory Council.**

**2:00 PM EST on 02/28/2020**

1001 Bishop Street, Honolulu, HI

[ginger.norris@cisa.dhs.gov](mailto:ginger.norris@cisa.dhs.gov)

202-441-5885

**Have a great weekend!**

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