



# 2026 Spring Training Symposium Agenda

Friday, May 15, 2026  
**7:30AM to 3:30PM**

**HOST:**  
 Richmond Police Training Academy  
 1202 W Graham Rd, Richmond, VA 23220

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Analyst Resources <i>Classroom 103</i>		Case Studies <i>Classroom 247</i>
07:30 – 08:15	<i>Registration, Coffee &amp; Networking</i>	
08:20 – 08:30	<i>Welcome, Business Meeting, Announcements</i>	
08:45 – 09:45	<b>Virginia Crime Online Reporting Site (Part 1)</b> Angela Kepus & Keon Turner ( <i>Virginia State Police</i> )	<b>Extortion Com / Gore Groups: A Threat to Children Everywhere – Including Virginia*</b> Leah Owens ( <i>Roanoke Police Department</i> )
10:00 – 11:00	<b>Virginia Crime Online Reporting Site (Part 2)</b> Angela Kepus & Keon Turner ( <i>Virginia State Police</i> )	<b>Thwarting the Fraudsters*</b> Michelle Walczyk ( <i>Culpeper Police Department</i> ) & Katie Wakeman ( <i>Woodstock Police Department</i> )
11:00 – 11:45	<i>Lunch</i>	
11:45 – 12:45	<i>Crime Analysis Jeopardy and Networking</i> (Classroom 103)	
13:00 – 15:00	<b>LInX Power Skills: Advanced Techniques for Analysts</b> Anna Berger & Kris Syvertsen ( <i>NCR-LInX – Montgomery County, MD Police Department</i> )	
15:15 – 15:30	<i>Election Results, Contest Winners, Closing Remarks</i>	



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**Virginia Crime Online Reporting Site (part 1):** This hands-on training introduces the Virginia Crime Online Reporting Site (Beyond 20/20) and its role in supporting accurate crime data reporting. Participants will learn the purpose of the Virginia Crime Repository, the history of data collections (VA Incident Based Reporting, Community Policing Act Stop Data, Use of Force-Officer Involved Shooting), and what is counted in each dataset. The session covers access for public and LEA reporting sites, navigating standardized reports, and creating custom reports, including selecting datasets, manipulating tables, generating time series, and exporting data. At the end, attendees will be equipped to access, interpret, and report crime data effectively.

Attendees will be set up with accounts under their own agency's reporting site (with pre-authorization from their agencies). We highly recommend that attendees bring their laptops so that they can log into their accounts and follow along, practice reviewing standardized reports and creating their own.

**Extortion Com / Gore Groups: A Threat to Children Everywhere – Including Virginia\*:** “Extortion Com” or “Gore” groups are online collectives comprised of predators who use the internet to systematically exploit vulnerable victims, coercing them into producing CSAM (child sex abuse material) and / or committing acts of self-harm, or harm to others. Results have included acts as serious as sexual assault, suicide and homicide. These groups are targeting children everywhere—including in Virginia—at unprecedented rates. Learn how these groups operate, how to recognize the signs that a child is being exploited, and what resources are available to victims.

10:00-11:00

**Virginia Crime Online Reporting Site (part 2):** Continued from part 1

**Thwarting the Fraudsters: A case study on solving a regional check washing scheme!\*** In August 2025, the Culpeper Police Department received a call from a local bank branch advising that a subject had just entered the bank attempting to cash a forged check utilizing a false identity. Utilizing ALPR technology, the suspect vehicle was identified and a hunt for the fraudster(s) began. This presentation will provide a case overview on how Culpeper PD initiated the check forgery investigation and how Woodstock PD apprehended the suspects; ultimately providing critical information for multiple jurisdictions affected by this scheme. This case is a prime example of how communication within the analyst world can be vital to the solvability of a case.

13:00-15:00

**Linux Power Skills: Advanced Techniques for Analysts\*:** Most VCAN members already use Linux, but are they fully leveraging its capabilities? This session introduces advanced tools that will have detectives asking, “How did they find that?” We'll provide a brief, general Linux update, including expansion efforts, partnership with the FBI's N-DEx system, and upcoming enhancements. Training will then focus on advanced free-text searches, active warrant/offense searches, batch queries, and a new initiative to integrate electronic bulletins (BOLOs) in Linux to enhance investigative capabilities and situational awareness. Instruction combines lecture and hands-on exercises using sample data and real-world examples. Attendance satisfies the NCR region's biennial refresher training requirement.