

2026 AUVSI Advanced Autonomy & Mobility Exposition

Hampton Roads in Motion: Uncrewed Air, Maritime Autonomy, and Regional Mobility Innovation Day 1, Wednesday, September 23, 2026 (CNU)

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Registration / Coffee and Continental Breakfast
8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Opening Remarks: Building the Region’s Uncrewed Systems and Advanced Mobility Ecosystem <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel Wolfe, President, AUVSI Hampton Roads
8:30 AM – 8:50 AM	Keynote: Federal Priorities for Uncrewed Defense, Aviation, and Maritime Security <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rep. Rob Wittman (VA-01), Vice Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee - Invited
8:50 AM – 9:10 AM	Keynote: Virginia’s Advanced Air Mobility Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott Denny, Senior Program Manager, AAM, DOAV
9:10 AM – 10:10 AM	Panel 1: Hampton Roads Drone Operations: Infrastructure, Inspection, and Use Cases Moderator: Dave Hinton , Senior Advisor, Commonwealth Center for Advanced Logistics Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justin Jones, Systems Manager & Lead Pilot for UAVs, W.M. Jordan • Zack Long, GIS Specialist-sUAS Pilot, GIS Department, City of Newport News • Tom Butler, UAS Manager, Dominion Energy
10:10 AM – 10:30 AM	Coffee Break
10:30 AM – 10:50 AM	Keynote: Protecting Airspace: Counter-UAS Lessons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom Adams, Director of Public Safety, DroneShield
10:50 AM – 11:10 AM	Keynote: Regional Airspace Readiness: From Drone Operations to Scalable BVLOS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeff Slaughter, FAA Manager, Richmond Flight Standards District Office (FSDO)
11:10 AM – 12:10 PM	Panel 2: BVLOS, UTM, and Commonwealth Airspace Readiness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Hon. Karen Jackson, President and CEO, Apogee Strategic Partners, LLC; CCALS Senior Fellow • Peter Bale, Co-Founder & COO, Sentinel Robotic Solutions (SRS) • Brent Klavon, Chief Strategy Officer, ANRA Technologies (ANRA) • Keith R. Paquin, UAS Section Manager, Virginia Department of Transportation
12:10 PM – 1:10 PM	Networking, Catered Lunch
1:10 PM – 1:30 PM	Keynote: Building Virginia’s Public Safety DFR Network <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Sadler, Director VIPC Public Safety Innovation Center (PSIC)
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Panel 3: From Detection to Response: DFR Coordination (Military and Civil) Moderator: Sgt. Mark Kincaid , Cdr., Joint Police/Fire UAV Unit, Hampton Police Division <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cody Sadler, Drone Unit, Newport News Police Department • Detective Bruce Pugh, Unmanned Aircraft Systems Unit, Norfolk Police Department • TBD, JBLE Security Forces / Force Protection / Emergency Management representative, JBLE
2:30 PM – 2:50 PM	Break
2:50 PM – 3:50 PM	Panel 4: cUAS: Solving the Inter Agency Problem Moderator: Joseph Kendall , Deputy to the Chief Scientist, Air Combat Command (ACC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DJ Smith, Deputy, Drone Responders • Hon. Daniel J. Tamburello, Senior Advisor, S&T Lead for cUAS collaboration, DHS • Dominique Evans, Special Agent in Charge, UAS & cUAS Coordination, FBI Norfolk Field Office
3:50 PM – 4:15 PM	Closing Comments (Day 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel Wolfe, President, AUVSI Hampton Roads
4:15 PM – 6:00 PM	Evening Reception (Room: Torggler Center) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Network with Regional Representatives, Business leaders, & learn who’s who in HR

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Hampton Roads in Motion: Uncrewed Air, Maritime Autonomy, and Regional Mobility Innovation Day 2, September 24, 2026 (CNU)

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Registration / Coffee and continental breakfast
8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Opening Remarks: Hampton Roads in Motion: Building the Region’s Advanced Mobility Future <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chuck Wittges, Vice President, AUVSI Hampton Roads Chapter
8:30 AM – 8:50 AM	Keynote: Commonwealth Leadership in Advanced Mobility, Maritime Innovation, Defense, and Workforce Growth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor Abigail Spanberger — Invited
8:50 AM – 9:10 AM	Keynote: The Mobility Innovation Center: Expanding Hampton Roads’ Test, Training, & Innovation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phillip Jones, Mayor of Newport News
9:10 AM – 10:10 AM	Panel 5: BVLOS Operations: Airspace, Communications, Sensors, Aircraft, and Training Moderator: Chris Morello , Executive Director, Peninsula Airport Commission (PAC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa Peterson, VP, Business Development, AURA Network Systems (AURA) • Larry Leovan, VP, Business Development, Censys Technologies Corp. (Censys) • Colin Fischer, Founder & CEO, NX Aviation
10:10 AM – 10:30 AM	Coffee Break
10:30 AM – 10:50 AM	Keynote: Hampton Roads Playbook - Positioning HR for National Excellence in Uncrewed Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nancy Grden, President & CEO, Hampton Roads Executive Roundtable (HRER)
10:50 AM – 11:10 AM	Keynote: Regional Air Mobility in Practice: Future Flight Global and the Hampton Roads Opportunity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toni Drummond, Co-Founder & CEO, Future Flight Global (FFG)
11:10 AM – 12:10 PM	Panel 6: NASA Langley Public - Private Partnerships and Air Domain Awareness Moderator: Lena Pascale , Regional Partnership Lead, Strategic Partnership Office, NASA Langley RC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joseph Gasbarre, Director, Strategic Partnerships Office, NASA Langley Research Center • John Koelling, Director, Aeronautics Research Directorate, NASA Langley Research Center • Jay Ely, Smart Center Technical Lead, NASA Langley Research Center
12:10 PM – 1:10 PM	Networking, Catered Lunch
1:10 PM – 1:30 PM	Keynote Speaker: Uncrewed Applications and the Virginia Port Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah McCoy, CEO and Executive Director, The Port of Virginia
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Panel 7: Coastal Mobility and Maritime Transportation Moderator: Matt Smith , Director, Energy and Emerging Tech, Hampton Roads Alliance (HRA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jude Augustine, Co-Founder & CEO, Tidal Flight • Sam Riggs, Founder & CEO, Coastal Seaplanes • TBD
2:30 PM – 2:50 PM	Break
2:50 PM – 3:50 PM	Panel 8: UAS, AAM Workforce, and University Research Applications Moderator: Shawn Avery , President & CEO, Hampton Roads Workforce Council (HRWC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julie Young, Director, eAviation & Drone Academy (eADA) • Dr. Anton Riedl, Associate Dean, School of Engineering & Computing, CNU • Dr. Yiannis Papelis, Director, Virginia Modeling, Analysis & Simulation Center (VMASC), ODU • Orestes “OG” Gooden, Chair, Aviation Department, Hampton University
3:50 PM – 4:15 PM	Closing Comments (Day 2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel Wolfe, President, AUVSI Hampton Roads
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Cocktail Reception (requires Gala ticket) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Nick Kepics Jazz Band
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM	VASBA GALA Dinner (Marriott - Newport News City Center) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote: TBD • Master of Ceremonies: TBD • Entertainment: TBD