

# 2026 AUVSI Advanced Air Mobility Exposition

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

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| 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM   | Registration / Coffee and Continental Breakfast                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 8:00 AM – 8:30 AM   | <b>Opening Remarks: Building the Region's Uncrewed Systems and Advanced Mobility Ecosystem</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Daniel Wolfe</b>, President, AUVSI Hampton Roads</li><li>• <b>President William G. Kelly</b>, Christopher Newport University</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 8:30 AM – 8:50 AM   | <b>Keynote: Federal Priorities for Uncrewed Defense, Aviation, and Maritime Security</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Rep. Rob Wittman (VA-01)</b>, Vice Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee - Invited</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 8:50 AM – 9:10 AM   | <b>Keynote: Virginia's Advanced Air Mobility Strategy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Scott Denny</b>, Senior Program Manager, AAM, DOAV</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 9:10 AM – 10:10 AM  | <b>Panel 1: Hampton Roads Drone Operations: Infrastructure, Inspection, and Use Cases</b><br>Moderator: <b>Dave Hinton</b> , Senior Fellow, Cardinal Center for Autonomy and Energy CCALS <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Justin Jones</b>, Systems Manager &amp; Lead Pilot for UAVs, W.M. Jordan</li><li>• <b>Zach Long</b>, GIS Specialist-sUAS Pilot, GIS Department, City of Newport News</li><li>• <b>Tom Butler</b>, UAS Manager, Dominion Energy</li></ul>                                                                                                            |
| 10:10 AM – 10:30 AM | Coffee Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 10:30 AM – 10:50 AM | <b>Keynote Topic: Protecting Airspace: From Legal Authority to Operational Counter-UAS Readiness</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>TBD</b></li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 10:50 AM – 11:10 AM | <b>Keynote: Regional Airspace Readiness: From Drone Operations to Scalable BVLOS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Pamela Gomez</b>, Director, UAS Safety and Integration Division, Office of Advanced Aviation Technologies, FAA</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 11:10 AM – 12:10 PM | <b>Panel 2: BVLOS, UTM, and Commonwealth Airspace Readiness</b><br>Moderator: <b>Hon. Karen Jackson</b> , President and CEO, Apogee Strategic Partners, LLC; CCALS Senior Fellow <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Jeff Slaughter</b>, FAA Manager, Richmond Flight Standards District Office (FSDO)</li><li>• <b>Peter Bale</b>, Co-Founder &amp; COO, Sentinel Robotic Solutions (SRS)</li><li>• <b>Brent Klavon</b>, Chief Strategy Officer, ANRA Technologies (ANRA)</li><li>• <b>Keith R. Paquin</b>, UAS Section Manager, Virginia Department of Transportation</li></ul> |
| 12:10 PM – 1:10 PM  | Networking, Catered Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 1:10 PM – 1:30 PM   | <b>Keynote: Building Virginia's Public Safety DFR Network</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Chris Sadler</b>, Director, VIPC Public Safety Innovation Center (PSIC)</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM   | <b>Panel 3: From Detection to Response: Regional DFR Coordination (Military and Civil)</b><br>Moderator: <b>Sgt. Tiara Suggs</b> , Specialized Response Team Commander, James City County PD <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Lt. Michael Sinclair</b>, Cdr., Real-Time Crime Center, PM DFR, Newport News Police Department</li><li>• <b>Detective Bruce Pugh</b>, UAS Coordinator, Norfolk Police Department</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                       |
| 2:30 PM – 2:50 PM   | Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 2:50 PM – 3:50 PM   | <b>Panel 4: cUAS: Solving the Inter Agency Problem</b><br>Moderator: <b>TBD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>DJ Smith</b>, Deputy Director, Drone Responders</li><li>• <b>Hon. Daniel J. Tamburello</b>, Senior Advisor, S&amp;T Lead for cUAS collaboration, DHS</li><li>• <b>Dominique Evans</b>, Special Agent in Charge, UAS &amp; cUAS Coordination, FBI Norfolk Field Office</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 3:50 PM – 4:15 PM   | <b>Closing Comments (Day 1)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Daniel Wolfe</b>, President, AUVSI Hampton Roads</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 4:15 PM – 6:00 PM   | <b>Evening Reception</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Network with Regional Representatives, Business leaders, &amp; learn who's who in HR</b></li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

# 2026 AUVSI Advanced Air Mobility Exposition

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

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