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#### **VALERY SATTERWHITE**

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#### **TRISH SLATER**

TRISH SLATER started as a Staff Investigator at the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia in 2001. She went to work as a Community Supervision Officer at CSOSA, but returned to PDS where she eventually became a Supervisory Staff Investigator. Trish was hired as a Staff Investigator at the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the District of Maryland in 2012. Trish is now the Chief Investigator there. [Trish\\_salter@fd.org](mailto:Trish_salter@fd.org)

#### **KEVIN SMITH**

KEVIN SMITH, DLSS, arrived onboard DSO North on 02 MAY 2016. Mr. Smith is the Defense Litigation Support Specialist (Defense Investigator). Prior to joining the Navy Defense Service, he was a Special Agent for the Department of Veterans Affairs. Mr. Smith's last duty position was at the VA Law Enforcement Training Center in Little Rock, AR, from 2011 to 2016 where he served as a Program

Manager over National Training Programs for the Dept. of Air Force Police Program and the VA's Police Programs. Prior to being selected for the Training Center, Mr. Smith was a Criminal Investigator (GS-1811) for the VA Police in Tampa, FL, from 2008 to 2011. Prior to being promoted to Criminal Investigator, Mr. Smith was a uniformed Federal Police Officer for the VA in Tampa, FL, from 2004 to 2008. While a VA Police Officer, Mr. Smith deployed and participated in law enforcement operations during Hurricane Katrina Operations in New Orleans, LA. Additionally, Mr. Smith was selected to be part of the VA Secretary's Protection Detail for operations in Florida. Mr. Smith began his law enforcement career at the VA in San Diego, CA from 2002 to 2004.

Mr. Smith holds several Instructor and professional training certifications in areas of Use of Force, Firearms Instructor, Verbal Judo, Verbal Defense, Driving Instructor, Terrorism Instructor, Investigations, Physical Security, and Training.

Mr. Smith is a military veteran of the U.S. Army with active duty experience from February 1989 to August 1995. Mr. Smith served as wheel vehicle mechanic (63W) at the following duty stations and deployments: 194th Armor Brigade Ft. Knox, KY, Deployed to SWA with 3rd Army in support of OPDS/OPDS, 2nd Infantry Division Camp Casey, South Korea, and 44th Corps Support Battalion Ft. Lewis, WA. Mr. Smith continued his military service in the U.S. Army Reserves and cross trained as a MLRS-FA Crew Member (13M) with C-Btry, 1/116th FA and later transferred to the 352nd Military Police unit.

Mr. Smith has received the following awards in both his military and public service careers: Army Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, National Defense Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, Good Conduct Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, (2) Army Certificates of Appreciation, Cold War Certificate of Recognition, Secretary of Veterans Affairs VALOR Award, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Commendation Award, VA Office of Security and Law Enforcement Certificate of Appreciation, (2) Dept. of Veterans Affairs Certificates of Appreciation (Facility leadership), Several Dept. of Veterans Affairs Special Contribution Awards, USAF 19th Security Forces Squadron Certificate of Appreciation, Several Letters of Appreciation. Mr. Smith is currently finishing a Bachelors degree in Criminal Justice Administration and another in Homeland Security, with a graduation date of May, 2018. Mr. Smith plans on pursuing a Master's degree in Law or International Studies.

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Returning to her roots, Molly came back to New Orleans in 2013 to continue work in birth choice advocacy, and studied Spanish legal translation at Loyola University, New Orleans. In 2015, she joined the Orleans Public Defender's Office as staff interpreter and co-facilitator of the immigration group. During that time, Molly managed all contracted interpreters and trained new attorneys in techniques for working with court and hired interpreters in the court room and community.

Through long hours of late night interpretation with investigators, Molly integrated into the investigations team and eventually became a staff investigator in 2016. Molly now works as a full-time investigative specialist for the Public Defender Service. [mthomas@pdsdc.org](mailto:mthomas@pdsdc.org)

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## **MICHAEL YERGEY**

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Mike has been working with State Organization and departments of public safety groups with their guidelines and bylaws. Yergey Insurance is endorsed by many different associations for their insurance products.

Since graduating from college, Mike has been involved with the Nokesville Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, currently serving as a Captain. Mike has also been a member of Independent Insurance Agents of Virginia since 1995 and has been a committee chair for the Membership Committee of the IIAV. Mike won the Young Agent award from the IIAV for his outstanding contribution to the association during his time as committee chair. He is now serving as board member for the IIAV as an at-large director. Mike resides outside of Gainesville, VA, with his wife and three children. [mike@yergeyins.com](mailto:mike@yergeyins.com)

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