

# Computer Crimes Study Introduction, Background & Objectives

Or: Why Are We Here, What Was Done  
Before, and What Are We Supposed to Do?

# Computer Crimes Study

## ● SPONSORS

- Joint Commission on Technology and Science (JCOTS)
- Virginia State Crime Commission (VSCC)

## ● STUDY GROUPS

- Joint Legislative Task Force
- Joint Advisory Committee

# What is JCOTS?

- Created in 1997
- Permanent legislative commission composed of 7 delegates and 5 senators
- Charged to “generally study all aspects of technology and science and to promote the development of technology and science in the Commonwealth of Virginia through sound public policies.”
- Delegate Joe May is the current Chair
- Mitchell Goldstein is the Executive Director

# What is VSCC?

- Created in 1972
- Permanent legislative commission composed of 6 delegates, 3 senators, 3 citizens appointed by the Governor and the Attorney General
- Charged to “study, report and make recommendations on all areas of public safety and protection.”
- Delegate Dave Albo is the current Chair
- Kimberly Hamilton is the Executive Director

# Where Do The Ideas Come From?

- House and Senate Joint Resolutions
- General Assembly Committees
- Commission's own initiative
- General Assembly Member Requests (JCOTS)
- Other Public Bodies (JCOTS)
- The Public (JCOTS)

# What's an Advisory Committee?

- After each legislative session, JCOTS and VSCC adopt their respective work plans that identify the issues to study during the ensuing interim.
- This Advisory Committee is composed of representatives of both Commissions and citizen members with expertise in the matters under consideration by the committee
- Advisory Committee citizen membership expires at the end of the calendar year

# What does an Advisory Committee do?

- Advisory Committees study the issues charged to them
- Upon conclusion, they issue their final reports and recommendations. Recommendations can include:
  - Legislative proposals
  - Proposals for further study
  - Other proposals
  - Informal requests and other action

# What issues will Computer Crimes look at in 2004?

- Computer Viruses as Trespass
  - House Bill 566 (Albo) / Senate Bill 275 (Devolites)
- Computer Crimes Act Review

# 2004 Advisory Committee Meetings

- August 10
  - 9:30 a.m. in House Room D
- September 21
  - 1:00 p.m. in House Room D
  - ***NOTE THE TIME CHANGE***
- October 19
  - 9:30 a.m. in House Room D

# 2004 Task Force Meetings

- August 18
  - 10:00 a.m. in House Room C
- October 5
  - 1:00 p.m. in Speaker's Conference Room (6<sup>th</sup> Floor)
- October 26
  - 10:00 a.m. in Speaker's Conference Room (6<sup>th</sup> Floor)

# Administrative Necessity

- Please return the “Advisory Committee on Computer Crimes Citizen Membership Information” form that accompanied the e-mail informing you of your appointment to the Computer Crimes Advisory Committee
  - You **MUST** complete and return this form even if you waive reimbursement
  - We have extra copies of the form here