

**Joint Subcommittee  
To Study  
Recurrent Flooding**

**HJ 16 (2014; Del. Stolle); SJ 3 (2014; Sen. Locke)**

**July 22, 2014; 1:00 p.m.  
House Room C, General Assembly Building  
Richmond, Virginia**

**Proposed Agenda**

1. Call to Order and Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman.
2. Introduction of Members and Opening Remarks. *Chairman*
3. Presentations.
  - A. Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security. *Brian J. Moran*
  - B. Army Corps of Engineers. *Col. Paul B. Olsen, P.E.*, Norfolk District Commander
  - C. Secure Commonwealth Panel; Summary. *Jim Redick*, Director of Emergency Preparedness and Response, City of Norfolk
4. Public Comment.
5. Future Meeting Dates / Other Business.
6. Adjournment.

**MEMBERS**

The Honorable Christopher P. Stolle	The Honorable Mamie E. Locke
The Honorable Daniel W. Marshall, III	The Honorable Jeffrey L. McWaters
The Honorable M. Keith Hodges	The Honorable Senator Lynwood W. Lewis, Jr.
The Honorable Delegate Robert S. Bloxom, Jr.	The Honorable James L. Wood
The Honorable Delegate Mark L. Keam	

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[http://ccrm.vims.edu/recurrent\\_flooding/Recurrent\\_Flooding\\_Study\\_web.pdf](http://ccrm.vims.edu/recurrent_flooding/Recurrent_Flooding_Study_web.pdf)

**Col. Paul B. Olson**

Col. Paul B. Olsen is the 57th commander of the Norfolk District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Olsen oversees the district's civil works infrastructure and military construction. As the commander, he is responsible for more than 400 employees in Norfolk and in resident offices throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Olsen was commissioned in the U.S. Army upon graduation from the University of Wisconsin where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in geography.

He held leadership positions in mechanized and combat heavy engineer units in Europe, the Middle East, and the United States, including command of the 249th Engineer Battalion (Prime Power) during Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq; Bravo Company, 9th Engineer Battalion during Operation Joint Endeavor in Bosnia; Executive Officer of Headquarters Company, 43rd Engineer Battalion during Operation Restore Hope in Somalia; and Platoon Leader, Alpha Company, 317th Engineer Battalion during operations Desert Shield and Storm in the Middle East.

Additionally, he has held a number of key staff assignments including the speechwriter to the U.S. Army Combined Arms Center's commanding general and the executive officer to the Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management.

Olsen is a registered professional engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia and holds a Master of Science degree in civil and infrastructure engineering from George Mason University, a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College, and a Master of Arts degree in business management from Webster University. His military education includes completion of the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the U.S. Army War College where he graduated with distinction. He is also a graduate of the French Army Engineer Advanced Course.

Olsen earned the Bronze Star Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters. Additionally, he was the 2003 recipient of the Secretary of the Army's Frank Pace Award for innovation and the 2011 recipient of the Commandant's Award for Distinction in Research at the U.S. Army War College.

**Jim Redick**

Jim Redick is the Director of Emergency Preparedness and Response for the City of Norfolk, VA, a City recently selected to participate in the Rockefeller 100 Resilient Cities Challenge. He is a Certified Emergency Manager with the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) and the 2012 Virginia Emergency Management Professional of the Year.

Among the numerous committees on which he serves, Jim built up and chairs "Team Norfolk" – a group of community partners spanning public, private, nonprofit, higher education and military - who's focus is on unity of effort in mitigation and prevention, preparedness, response and recovery. He also serves an appointment to the Virginia Governor's Secure Commonwealth Panel, where he Co-Chairs with Senator John Watkins a Sub-Panel focused on the high probability / high impact threat of recurrent flooding and sea level rise.