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## VWC Employee to Receive 2019 IAIABC NextGen Award



[Richmond, VA]- The Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission is proud to announce the International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions (IAIABC) has awarded its 2019 NextGen Award to Mr. Ryan Duke, Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Quality Assurance Assistant Manager. Duke joins two previous Commission employees to win the award in 2018, including Aubrey Chigwada, current Insurance Compliance Manager. The IAIABC NextGen Award recognizes individuals under the age of 40 who are having a positive impact on workers' compensation and their organizations.

"The Commission is thrilled that Ryan has been selected for this international award," said VWC's Chairman, R. Ferrell Newman. "Ryan has done an outstanding job enhancing EDI compliance and making real progress improving timeliness of data submissions from the Commission's trading partners. We are excited to congratulate Ryan on his achievement along with his strong commitment to our agency's vision of being the most effective and innovative state agency."

Ryan will be recognized at the IAIABC's 105th Convention, October 21st-24th in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The Commission applauds the dedication and innovation that Ryan achieved this year.



[Click Here](#) to view the 2019 recipients of the IAIABC NextGen Award.

## **About The Commission**

The Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission (VWC), established in 1918, is an independent judicial and administrative state agency that oversees the workers' compensation system for employees, employers, and insurers. VWC interprets and applies the Virginia Workers' Compensation Act and resolves claims through hearings and mediation. A 2018 Oregon study ranked Virginia as the tenth-lowest cost system in the nation. Leading the way in electronic data and claims filing systems, in 2018 VWC processed over 46,000 claims and issued over 4,000 judicial opinions. VWC also administers the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund, the Uninsured Employer's Fund, and adjudicates claims under the Virginia Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Program. Headquartered in Richmond, Virginia, VWC operates regional offices in Bristol, Virginia Beach, Roanoke, Harrisonburg, Manassas, and Fairfax.

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