

**Actual Expenditures and Performance Results Achieved by the
Northern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force
During the First Year.**

**A Report to the Governor, House Appropriations Committee,
And Senate Finance Committee**



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TO: The Honorable Timothy M. Kaine, Governor of Virginia

The Honorable Charles J. Colgan
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The Honorable Lacey E. Putney
Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee

Pursuant to Item 395 (M.1.) of 2009 Virginia Acts of Assembly, I am respectfully submitting herewith a *Report on the Actual Expenditures and Performance Results Achieved by the Northern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force During the First Year.*

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "W. S. Flaherty".

Superintendent

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Enclosure

**REPORT ON THE ACTUAL EXPENDITURES AND
PERFORMANCE RESULTS ACHIEVED BY THE NORTHERN
VIRGINIA INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK
FORCE DURING THE FIRST YEAR**

OVERVIEW OF THE TASK FORCE

The Northern Virginia-District of Columbia Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Taskforce, otherwise known as NOVA-DC ICAC, is charged with the responsibility of investigating crimes perpetrated against children through the use of the Internet. These crimes involve the exploitation of children for the purpose of the production and distribution of child pornography as well as the pursuit of children for the purpose of engaging them in illicit sexual activity.

As such, the Virginia State Police in partnership with thirty-eight local and federal law enforcement agencies formed NOVA-DC ICAC for the purpose of aggressively pursuing those responsible for these crimes. These are the participating agencies:

NOVA-DC ICAC TASK FORCE AGENCIES

Task Force Name	State	Affiliate Agency Name	Agency Type (Fed, State, County, City/Local, Tribal, Private, NGO)
Virginia State Police	Virginia	Alexandria City Police Department	City/Local
Virginia State Police	Virginia	Arlington County Police Department	County
Virginia State Police	Virginia	Clarke County Sheriff	County
Virginia State Police	Virginia	Culpeper County Sheriff	County
Virginia State Police	Virginia	Dumfries Police Department	City/Local
Virginia State Police	Virginia	Fairfax City Police Department	City/Local
Virginia State Police	Virginia	Fairfax County Police Department	County
Virginia State Police	Virginia	Falls Church Police Department	City/Local
Virginia State Police	Virginia	Fauquier County Sheriff	County
Virginia State Police	Virginia	Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)	Federal
Virginia State Police	Virginia	Frederick County Sheriff	County
Virginia State Police	Virginia	Fredericksburg City Police Department	City/Local
Virginia State Police	Virginia	George Mason University Police Department	City/Local
Virginia State Police	Virginia	Herndon Police Department	City/Local
Virginia State Police	Virginia	Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)	Federal
Virginia State Police	Virginia	Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation	Federal

Virginia State Police	Virginia	Leesburg Police Department	City/Local
Virginia State Police	Virginia	Loudoun Sheriff's Department	County
Virginia State Police	Virginia	Madison County Sheriff	County
Virginia State Police	Virginia	Manassas City Police Department	City/Local
Virginia State Police	Virginia	Manassas Park Police Department	City/Local
Virginia State Police	Virginia	Metropolitan Police Department (Washington, D.C.)	City/Local
Virginia State Police	Virginia	Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS)	Federal
Virginia State Police	Virginia	Northern Virginia Community College	State
Virginia State Police	Virginia	Orange County Sheriff Office	County
Virginia State Police	Virginia	Page County Sheriff	County
Virginia State Police	Virginia	Prince William County Police Department	County
Virginia State Police	Virginia	Quantico Police Department	County
Virginia State Police	Virginia	Rappahannock County Sheriff	County
Virginia State Police	Virginia	Shenandoah County Sheriff	County
Virginia State Police	Virginia	Spotsylvania County Sheriff	County
Virginia State Police	Virginia	Stafford County Sheriff's Office	County
Virginia State Police	Virginia	US Court Services and Offender Supervision	Federal
Virginia State Police	Virginia	US Department of Energy	Federal
Virginia State Police	Virginia	US Postal Service	Federal
Virginia State Police	Virginia	Vienna Police Department	City/Local
Virginia State Police	Virginia	Virginia State Police	TF LEAD
Virginia State Police	Virginia	Warren County Sheriff	County
Virginia State Police	Virginia	Winchester City Police Department	City/Local

In an effort to provide the utmost efficient and professional services in performing this task, special training and equipment are necessary on an ongoing basis to remain current in technological and investigative procedures. Further, the ability to perform thorough and efficient forensic analysis of digital evidence in these cases is an absolute must. Details are attached.

TRAINING

Task force members are required to successfully complete an essential training regimen that includes specified courses encompassing many technical topics of study. Currently these courses range in duration from two days to one week depending on the depth and complexity of subject matter. Minimum standards of training must be achieved as well as compliance with the Internet Crimes Against Children Investigative Guidelines and Operational Standards.

The following is an outline of some courses that are utilized by the NOVA-DC ICAC. These courses are generally delivered by the ICAC National Training and Technical Assistance Program. Expenses for this training include tuition, lodging, and meals. As a result of the funding appropriated, numerous task force members have completed the following courses.

- ICAC-Undercover Chat Investigations**
- ICAC-Investigative Techniques**
- ICAC-Peer Precision Investigations**
- ICAC-CyberTip Management**
- NW3C-Identifying and Seizing Electronic Evidence**
- NW3C-Basic Data Recovery and Acquisition**
- Search CORE – Cell phone course**
- Search and Seizure of Networks**
- Paraben I, II, & III - Cell phone Device Seizure Courses**

EQUIPMENT

Online investigations require specific equipment to investigate Internet Crimes against Children. Through the appropriated funding, the NOVA-DC ICAC was able to purchase an extensive amount necessary equipment packages for member agencies to include the following.

- Mobile Laptop computers with specific build**
- Software for capturing online evidence**
- Support software Microsoft Office**
- Anti-Virus Software**
- Peripheral Devices Mouse**
- Storage media (Flash Drives, CD's DVD's, External Hard Drives)**
- Digital Cameras with tripods**
- Camcorders**
- SD Media Cards for Camera**
- Printers**
- Mobile Cell Cards**
- Laptop Back Packs**
- Undercover phones and wireless services**
- Pelican cases**
- Various software packages**
- Wireless Network Sniffers**

As technology and the investigative environment changes, equipment and techniques evolve. When this evolution occurs and newer devices and techniques become available, older devices and techniques quickly become obsolete. NOVA-DC ICAC strives to ensure that each affiliate that is fully participating has the necessary, state-of-the-art equipment and software to enable them to conduct thorough investigations.

FORENSIC CAPABILITY

The NOVA-DC ICAC applied a significant amount of the appropriated funding towards developing a centrally located digital forensic laboratory for the exclusive purpose of supporting the digital forensic examination needs of the dedicated task force affiliate agencies.

Existing space at State Police Division VII Headquarters in Fairfax was renovated to accommodate the needs in this area. Forensic examination equipment was purchased and the space was constructed to include a secure laboratory working environment and a secure evidence storage facility.

**Northern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force
NOVA-DC ICAC Enforcement Activities**

NOVA / DC ICAC
Taskforce

July 1, 2008 through June 30,
2009

Documented Complaints

Traveler	Proactive	113
	Reactive	35
Enticement	Proactive	104
	Reactive	49
Obscenity Directed to Minors		
	Proactive	34
	Reactive	6
Child Prostitution		
	Proactive	9
	Reactive	5
Child Pornography Manufacture		
	Proactive	55
	Reactive	23
Distribution	Proactive	68
	Reactive	18
Possession	Proactive	75
	Reactive	10

**Case
Information**

Case Dispositions	Unfounded	19
	Suspended	0
	Plea	99
	Trial	6
Case Referrals	Federal	41
	State	51
	Local	5
Submitted Federal Prosecution		61
Accepted Federal Prosecution		38
<u>Arrests</u>		142

Northern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force NOVA-DC ICAC Enforcement Activities

Goals

Cybertips Received	236
CVIP Submissions	11
Affiliated Agencies Added	4
Child Victims Identified	
CVIP	0
Cases	4

Court Actions

Subpoenas or Court Orders	
Federal	210
State/Local	102
Search Warrants	
Federal	84
State/Local	74

Technical Assists

Technical Support	185
Forensic Exams	132

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NOVA-DC ICAC Training and Community Outreach Activities

NOVA / DC ICAC
Taskforce

July 1, 2008 through June 30,
2009

Training

Training Sessions Provided	32
Law Enforcement Trained	448
Prosecutors Trained	0
Other Professions Trained	10
Number sent to ICAC Training	51
Number sent to Other Training	29

Community Outreach

Presentations	42
Number of Attendees	311
Public Events	2
Number of Attendees Public	97
Awareness	8

Northern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force
NOVA-DC ICAC Appropriation Expenditures

TRAINING/TRAVEL EXPENSES

Expended: \$154,687.69

EQUIPMENT EXPENSES

Expended: \$394,227.53

DIGITAL FORENSIC LAB RENOVATIONS

Expended: \$35,207.78

TOTAL REDUCED APPROPRIATED FUNDS (\$625,000)

Expended: \$584,123.00

Unexpended: \$ 40,877.00