

**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 Robert F. McDonnell, Governor of Virginia

The Honorable Charles J. Colgan
Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee

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

Pursuant to Item 384, H.2., of the 2010 Appropriation Act, 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* for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

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 forty 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	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	Strasburg Police Department	City/Local
Virginia State Police	Virginia	United States 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	Warrenton Police Department	City/Local
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.

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 the 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 of 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
- Storage media (flash drives, CD's DVD's and external hard drives)
- Digital cameras with tripods
- Camcorders
- SD media cards for cameras
- 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. The 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.

PERSONNEL

As a result of sustained funding support, the NOVA/DC ICAC is able to employ one supervisor, three special agents, and one computer forensic examiner. These additional human resources enhance the task force's capacity to conduct child exploitation investigations and further support the needs of the various affiliate agencies.

Northern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force
NOVA-DC ICAC Enforcement Activities
July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010

Documented Complaints

Traveler		
Proactive		38
Reactive		7
Obscenity Directed to Minors		
Proactive		63
Reactive		37
Child Prostitution		
Proactive		3
Reactive		2
Child Pornography:		
Manufacture		
Proactive		16
Reactive		11
Distribution		
Proactive		61
Reactive		29
Possession		
Proactive		49
Reactive		47

Case Information

Case Dispositions		
Unfounded		55
Suspended		7
Plea		96
Trial		17
Case Referrals		
Federal		32
State		33

Local	17
Submitted Federal Prosecution	84
Accepted Federal Prosecution	32

Arrests 118

Goals

Cybertips Received	355
CVIP Submissions	15
Affiliated Agencies Added	2
Child Victims Identified	0
Child Victim Identification Program (CVIP) Cases	4

Court Actions

Subpoenas or Court Orders	
Federal	316
State/Local	150
Search Warrants	
Federal	75
State/Local	121

Technical Assists

Technical Support	205
Forensic Exams	132

**Northern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force
NOVA-DC ICAC Training and Community Outreach Activities
July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010**

Training

Training Sessions Provided	24
Law Enforcement Trained	169
Prosecutors Trained	0
Other Professions Trained	44
Number sent to ICAC Training	54
Number sent to Other Training	37

Community Outreach

Presentations	51
Number of Attendees	2,783
Public Events	3
Number of Attendees	2,080
Public Awareness	4

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

TRAINING/TRAVEL EXPENSES

Expended: \$25,400

EQUIPMENT EXPENSES

Expended: \$12,200

PERSONNEL

Expended: \$600,000

TOTAL REDUCED APPROPRIATED FUNDS (\$650,000)

Expended: \$637,600

Unexpended: \$12,400