

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

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

Pursuant to Item 408 (N.2.) of 2011 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 for the period of July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011.*

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 SECOND YEAR

Overview of the Task Force

The Northern Virginia-District of Columbia Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, 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 producing and distributing child pornography as well as the pursuit of children for the purpose of engaging them in illicit sexual activity.

The NOVA-DC ICAC is comprised of the Virginia State Police and forty partnering local and federal law enforcement agencies, who work aggressively to pursue those responsible for these crimes. These are the participating agencies:

NOVA-DC ICAC Task Force Agencies

Affiliate Agency Name	Agency Type (Fed, State, County, City/Local, Tribal, Private, NGO)
Air Force Office of Special Investigations	Federal
Alexandria City Police Department	City/Local
Arlington County Police Department	County
Clarke County Sheriff	County
Culpeper County Sheriff	County
Fairfax City Police Department	City/Local
Fairfax County Police Department	County
Falls Church Police Department	City/Local
Fauquier County Sheriff	County
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)	Federal
Frederick County Sheriff	County
Fredericksburg City Police Department	City/Local
George Mason University Police Department	City/Local
Harrisonburg Police Department	City/Local
Herndon Police Department	City/Local
Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)	Federal
Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation	Federal
Leesburg Police Department	City/Local
Loudoun County Sheriff	County
Madison County Sheriff	County
Manassas City Police Department	City/Local
Manassas Park Police Department	City/Local
Metropolitan Police Department (Washington, D.C.)	City/Local

Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS)	Federal
Orange County Sheriff	County
Page County Sheriff	County
Prince William County Police Department	County
Quantico Police Department	City/Local
Rappahannock County Sheriff	County
Shenandoah County Sheriff	County
Spotsylvania County Sheriff	County
Stafford County Sheriff	County
Strasburg Police Department	City/Local
U.S. Court Services and Offender Supervision	Federal
U.S. Department of Energy	Federal
U.S. Postal Service	Federal
Vienna Police Department	City/Local
Virginia State Police	TF LEAD
Warren County Sheriff	County
Warrenton Police Department	City/Local
Winchester City Police Department	City/Local

In order to provide the most efficient and professional services in detecting and investigating Internet crimes against children, ongoing special training and up-to-date equipment are necessary 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 essential for successful investigation and prosecution.

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.

Expenses for training include tuition, transportation, lodging, and meals. The following is a list of courses completed through the appropriated funding:

- EnCase Computer Forensics 1**
- Computer Network Investigations Training Program**
- CD/DVD Forensics Investigations Course**
- Access Data Forensics**
- CompTia A+ Certification**
- Advanced Windows Forensic Course**
- Data Recovery Expert Certification Course**
- Certified Computer Forensic Examiner Course**
- Techno-Forensics**

**Macintosh Forensic Training Program
Internet Forensic Examiner Course
Computer Evidence Recovery Training
Forensic Interviewing of Children**

Travel

On occasion, ICAC proactive investigations require personnel to work lengthy hours, requiring an overnight stay away from their local area. During those times, lodging and per diem expenditures are incurred.

Through the appropriated funding, two ICAC members participated in a proactive undercover operation.

Equipment

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 fully participating affiliate has the necessary, state-of-the-art equipment and software to enable them to conduct thorough investigations.

Through the appropriated funding, the NOVA-DC ICAC purchased necessary equipment for member agencies, to include the following:

- Laptop Computers with premium configurations**
- Optical Mouse**
- Storage Media (Flash Drives)**
- Printers and Cables**
- Laptop Carrying Cases**
- Keyboard**
- Docking Station w/AC Adapter**
- Monitor**
- Software Maintenance and Warranty Renewals**

Other

Renewal fees for the registration of the NOVA-DC ICAC website, which provides vital information to the public and to those who investigate crimes against children, are imperative for the retention of the various domain names. In addition, other reoccurring costs are necessary for the support of the ICAC office and personnel.

Through the appropriated funding, the NOVA-DC ICAC was able to procure/provide the following:

- Office supplies, stationary and forms**
- Miscellaneous vehicle expenses (fuel, insurance, maintenance)**
- Meals reimbursement**
- Phone reimbursement**
- Renewal fees for ICAC domain names**

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 personnel 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

NOVA / DC ICAC Taskforce	July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011
<u>Documented Complaints</u>	
Traveler	
Proactive	60
Reactive	15
Enticement	
Proactive	75
Reactive	43
Obscenity directed to minors	
Proactive	25
Reactive	55
Child prostitution	
Proactive	9
Reactive	29
Child pornography	
Manufacture	
Proactive	18
Reactive	21
Distribution	
Proactive	74
Reactive	79
Possession	
Proactive	92
Reactive	95

Case**Information**

Case dispositions

Unfounded	41
Suspended	23
Plea	105
Trial	15

Case referrals

Federal	36
State	41
Local	16

Submitted federal prosecution 116

Accepted federal prosecution 94

Number of**Investigations**

381

Arrests

187

Goals

Cybertips received 318

CVIP submissions 42

Affiliated agencies added 1

Child victims identified 21

CVIP cases 21

Court Actions

Subpoenas or court orders

Federal 203

State/Local 312

Search warrants

Federal 111

State/Local 314

Technical**Assists**

Technical support 437

Forensic exams 294

**Northern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force
Training and Community Outreach Activities**

NOVA / DC ICAC
Taskforce

July 1, 2010, through June 30,
2011

Training

Training sessions provided	35
Law enforcement trained	369
Prosecutors trained	1
Other professions trained	53
Number sent to ICAC training	66
Number sent to other training	85

Community Outreach

Presentations	81
Number of attendees	16,936
Public events	16
Number of attendees Public	7,060
awareness	10

**Northern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force
Appropriation Expenditures**

Training/Travel Expenses	\$ 18,343
Equipment Expenses	\$ 4,145
Personnel	\$256,989
Other	\$ 12,783