

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

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



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TO: The Honorable Robert F. McDonnell, Governor of Virginia

The Honorable Walter A. Stosch
Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee

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

Pursuant to Item 417 (K.2.) of 2012 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, 2011, through June 30, 2012.*

Respectfully,

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

Superintendent

Enclosure

REPORT ON THE ACTUAL EXPENDITURES AND PERFORMANCE RESULTS ACHIEVED BY THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE DURING THE THIRD 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 the production and distribution of 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 45 partnering local, state, 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
Haymarket Police Department – Added 2/17/12	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
Rockingham County Sheriff – Added 1/30/12	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. Customs & Border Protection – Added 8/30/11	Federal
U.S. Department of Energy	Federal
U.S. Postal Service	Federal
Vienna Police Department	City/Local
Virginia Attorney General's Office- Added 2/8/12	State
Virginia State Police	TF LEAD
Warren County Sheriff	County
Warrenton Police Department	City/Local
Winchester City Police Department	City/Local
Woodstock Police Department – Added 1/5/12	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.

**Northern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force
Appropriation Expenditures during July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012**

PERSONNEL

Expended: \$476,308

TRAINING/TRAVEL EXPENSES

Expended: \$27,924

EQUIPMENT EXPENSES

Expended: \$261,357

OTHER

Expended: \$90,029

TOTALS

Initial Budget: \$882,113

Expended: \$855,618

Unexpended: \$26,495

Year-end Cash Balance: \$26,495

The year-end cash balance represents funding that was projected to cover expenses related to overtime hours anticipated for investigative work. Fortunately, overtime expenses were not incurred, which permits the unexpended funds to be used to support obligated expenses not yet posted, as well as other vendor payments processed after July 1, 2012.

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. This funding also provided overtime pay for personnel to work pro-active investigations. 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.

TRAINING

Task force members are required to successfully complete an essential training regimen that includes specified courses encompassing many technical topics of study. Courses normally 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.

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

- **John Reid Interview and Interrogation Technique Training**
- **Supporting Heroes In mental health Foundational Training (SHIFT) ICAC Training**
- **ICAC Instructor Re-Certification**
- **Forensic Interviewing of Children**
- **Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) Forensic Training**
- **ICAC Conference**
- **Peer to Peer Training**
- **All Access Pass Forensic Training**

TRAVEL

At times, travel is needed for personnel to attend various meetings or represent the Task Force at training events. In addition, personnel travel to conduct field work and ICAC pro-active investigations, requiring personnel to work lengthy hours. During these occasions, overnight stays away from their local area are necessary, causing lodging, per diem, and parking expenses to be incurred.

Through the appropriated funding, 11 personnel participated in pro-active undercover operations, and one supervisor worked in the field with other ICAC personnel. The following events were also attended: one person attended a two-day National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) CyberTip Line Prioritization meeting, one person presented at Virginia Commonwealth Attorney ICAC Training, and five personnel attended ICAC/Operational meetings.

EQUIPMENT

As technology and the investigative environment change, 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 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:

- **Triage Field Kits**
- **Various Adapters & Adapter Kits**
- **Mini Display Ports to VGA Adapters**
- **Keyboards**
- **Various Types of Cables**
- **Desktop and Hand Scanners with Cradles**
- **Spare Key for Vehicle**
- **CelleBrite Physical Pro Add-On Modules (upgrades)**
- **Hard Drive Transporters**
- **LED TV Monitors (for use as display monitors for investigations, teleconferencing, etc.)**
- **Desktop and Laptop Computers**
- **iPads with Accessories (mouse devices, cases, camera connection kits, and touch panels)**
- **JBOD Array Module, 4big Quadra units, & RAID Systems (electronic server storage devices)**
- **LED Cinema Displays**
- **Various Express Cards (connection devices)**
- **Miscellaneous Software (forensic, presentation, etc.)**
- **Laptop Stands**
- **Computer Memory**
- **Airport Extreme and Express Base Stations (networking devices)**
- **MacBook Air Super Drives**
- **Video Cards**
- **OS X Lion Licenses (operating system upgrades)**
- **Various Internal Hard Drives**
- **Routers and Switches**
- **RAM Accessories for iPad Mount System**
- **Hard Cases for MacBook Air Computers**
- **Wi-Fi Testers**
- **Pelican Mobile Tool Chests**
- **Wheeled Computer Cases**

OTHER

A Mental Wellness Program has been established to provide a mental health professional to meet with personnel on a regular basis. This program is vital to protect the welfare of employees frequently subjected to disturbing and graphic material. Other miscellaneous or reoccurring costs are necessary for the support of the ICAC office and personnel. Through the appropriated funding, the ICAC was able to procure/provide the following:

- **Office Supplies**
- **Ink and Toner Cartridges**
- **Misc. Vehicle Expenses (Fuel, Car Wash, Insurance, Repair, and Maintenance)**
- **General Liability Insurance**
- **Meals Reimbursement**
- **Phone Reimbursement**
- **Payroll Service Bureau Yearly Fee**
- **Professional Services – Mental Wellness Program**
- **Software/Hardware Maintenance and Warranty Renewals**
- **Anti-Virus Software VITA Fees (for previously purchased software)**
- **Line of Duty VRS Fee**
- **Workers' Compensation Yearly Fee**

Northern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Performance Results and Enforcement Activities

July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012

Documented Complaints

Traveler

Proactive	54
Reactive	11

Enticement

Proactive	96
Reactive	55

Obscenity Directed to Minors

Proactive	21
Reactive	34

Child Prostitution

Proactive	12
Reactive	32

Manufacture Child Pornography

Proactive	4
Reactive	16

Distribution of Child Pornography

Proactive	66
Reactive	36

Possession of Child Pornography

Proactive	40
Reactive	94

Case Information

Case Dispositions

Unfounded	61
Suspended	16
Plea	82
Trial	7

Case Referrals

Federal	57
State	41
Local	35

Submitted for Federal Prosecution	94
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Accepted for Federal Prosecution	90
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Number of Investigations 455

Arrests 197

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Goals

Cybertips Received	814
CVIP Submissions	26
Affiliated Agencies Added	5
Child Victims Identified	
CVIP	7
Cases	31

Court Actions

Subpoenas or Court Orders	
Federal	275
State/Local	424
Search Warrants	
Federal	113
State/Local	290

Technical Assists

Technical Support	410
Forensic Exams	599

Training

Training Sessions Provided	32
Law Enforcement Trained	740
Prosecutors Trained	15
Other Professions Trained	14
Number sent to ICAC Training	22
Number sent to Other Training	33

Community Outreach

Presentations	68
Number of Attendees	4,249
Public Events	12
Number of Attendees	3,785
Public Awareness	6