

Bedford County Sheriff's Office
Internet Crimes Against Children
Annual
Progress Report
July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011

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The Bedford County Sheriff's Office is responsible for the administration of Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) program administrated by the Department of Criminal Justice Standards and funded legislatively by the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Southern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (SOVA ICAC), under the code name, Operation Blue Ridge Thunder is a regional task force staffed originally by funding from The Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Programs. The task force is a multi-agency collaboration established by the Bedford County Sheriff's Office to combat crimes against children. Investigators and supervisory personnel assigned to the SOVA ICAC task force by BCSO work only ICAC related cases with ICAC funding. Effective July 1, 2010 all of the filled positions within the SOVA-ICAC were funded by the State ICAC funds. Three positions that were not filled under the Federal program were filled once State funding was obtained. The allocated positions within the SOVA ICAC include a working Lieutenant, two working Sergeant, four full-time Investigators, two part-time Investigators, one full time Administrative Analyst, one full time Cybertip Manager, and two full-time Forensic Examiners. As of this report all of the positions were filled with the exception of one (1) full time Investigator and (1) part time Investigator. We will have one (1) Sergeants position coming open that will need to be filled. The term "working" indicates that these positions are not only supervisory positions but they also carry active investigations and handle complaints. Currently the workload is broken up in that the Lieutenant handles a limited number of active investigations, a limited number of forensic exams and the majority of the day-to-day supervision. Each Sergeant has a team of two Investigators, one part-time Investigator and one Forensic Examiner. Each of the Sergeants of the unit handles a limited number of proactive investigations, reviews all of the Cyber tips from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), and assists with the day-to-day supervision of their team. The investigators work all online enticements both proactive and reactive. The investigators also handle all peer-to-peer investigations and proactive and reactive social networking investigations, gaming investigations and cybertips. All personnel take daily complaints from citizens as they are reported (reactive). Investigators assigned to the SOVA-ICAC main office in Bedford County assist all affiliate agencies and often travel to those agencies to assist with cases. The Southern Virginia Internet Crimes

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Against Children Task Force is responsible for the ICAC investigations in the Commonwealth of Virginia with the exception of the geographic area assigned to the Virginia State police in Northern Virginia. The following pages summarize the activities of the SOVA ICAC and the agencies affiliated with the SOVA ICAC. The Memorandum of Understanding program with affiliate agencies continues to show an increase in the number of active members.

TASK FORCE AGREEMENT AGENCIES

The geographic area of the SOVA-ICAC has presented a challenge over the years. In an attempt to better serve the agencies associated with the SOVA-ICAC the decision was made to organize the area by districts. The SOVA ICAC task force had 5 additional agencies that signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Southern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, bringing the Yearly total to eighty-six.

District ONE—Bedford County Sheriff's Office

Alleghany County Sheriff's Office
Amherst County Sheriff's Office
Appomattox County Sheriff's Office
Bedford City Police Department
Bedford County Commonwealth Attorney's Office
Bedford County Probation and Parole
Botetourt County Sheriff's Office
Buena Vista Police Department
Campbell County Sheriff's Office
Covington Police Department
CVCC Police Department
Central Virginia Criminal Justice Academy
Franklin County Sheriff's Office
Halifax County Commonwealth Attorney's Office
Halifax County Sheriff's Office
Henry County Commonwealth Attorney's Office
Henry County Sheriff's Office
Liberty University Police Department
Lynchburg City Police Department
Lynchburg City Sheriff's Office
Pittsylvania County Sheriff's Office
Roanoke City Police Department
Roanoke County Police Department
Rocky Mount Police Department
Southern VA Child Advocacy Center

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Town of Vinton Police Department

District TWO—Virginia Beach Police Dept.

Chesapeake Police Department
NCIS-Norfolk
Norfolk Police Department
Virginia Beach Commonwealth Attorney's Office
Virginia Beach Department of Probation & Parole

District THREE—Richmond Police Dept.

Crewe Police Department
New Kent Sheriff's Office
Virginia Attorney General's Office
Henrico County Police Department

District FOUR—Albemarle County Police Dept.

Albemarle County Sheriff's Office
Augusta County Sheriff's Office
Charlottesville Police Department
Fluvanna County Sheriff's Office
Greene County Sheriff's Office
Louisa County Sheriff's Office
Staunton Police Department
University of VA Police Department

District FIVE—Christiansburg Police Dept.

Blacksburg Police Department
Craig County Sheriff's Office
Floyd County Sheriff's Office
Giles County Commonwealth Attorney's Office
Giles County Sheriff's Office
Montgomery County Commonwealth Attorney's Office
Montgomery County Sheriff's Office
Patrick County Sheriff's Office
Radford Police Department
Radford University Police Department
Town of Pulaski Police Department

District SIX—Gloucester County Sheriff's Office

Gloucester County Commonwealth Attorney's Office
James City County Police Department
King George County Sheriff's Office
Middlesex County Sheriff's Office
Richmond County Sheriff's Office

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US Attorney's Office—Eastern District
Williamsburg/James City Co. Commonwealth Attorney's Office
York County Sheriff's Office
12th MP Detachment—US Army

District SEVEN—Washington County Sheriff's Office

Appalachia Police Department
Big Stone Gap Police Department
Bluefield Town Police Department
Buchanan County Sheriff's Office
Children's Advocacy Center-Bristol/Washington County
Coeburn Police Department
Lebanon Police Department
Norton Police Department
Pound Police Department
St. Paul Police Department
Tazewell County Commonwealth Attorney's Office
Tazewell County Sheriff's Office
Tazewell Police Department
Wise County Commonwealth Attorney's Office
Wise County Sheriff's Office
Wise Police Department

During the annual reporting period for 2010-2011 the SOVA ICAC worked nine proactive traveler cases and five reactive traveler cases. A total of thirty-four proactive enticement cases occurred with one hundred and seven reactive enticement cases occurring. There were eighteen proactive obscenity directed toward minors cases initiated by investigators and one hundred and one reactive obscenity directed toward minors cases reported by citizens. During this time period citizens and investigators had three reports of proactive cases concerning initiated child prostitution and four reactive cases. On cases concerning child pornography the SOVA ICAC reported thirteen proactive and forty-six reactive cases concerning manufacturing. Distribution of child pornography cases resulted in one hundred and twenty-eight proactive and sixty-seven reactive cases initiated. Possession of child pornography had ninety-four proactive and one hundred and four reactive cases reported. The task force had ninety-three arrests. There were five hundred and eighty cases that once investigated resulted in being categorized as unfounded. There were fifty-one cases that were suspended. Fifty-six of the cases that were presented by the SOVA ICAC resulted in a plea, and twenty-five cases went to trial. SOVA ICAC had thirty-four federal, thirty-one state, and one

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hundred and seventy-seven local referrals for the reporting period. There were ninety-one cases that were recorded as being submitted for federal prosecution and nine were accepted. The SOVA ICAC had three hundred and fifty-four cybertips that were received during the year. There were seventy-four case submissions to the Child Victim Identification Program (CVIP) for the reporting period. A total of thirty-seven federal subpoenas or court orders and seven hundred and seventy-three state subpoenas or court orders were obtained by task force officers. An additional twenty-one federal and one hundred and fifty-seven state search warrants were also obtained and twenty-five knock and talks were executed. Officers with the taskforce provided eight hundred and four technical support functions and four hundred and eight forensic exams. During the annual reporting period for 2010-2011 the SOVA-ICAC had eighty training sessions provided in which one thousand three hundred and eighty law enforcement officers, fifty-two other professionals, and six prosecutors were trained. The SOVA ICAC sponsored fifty-four ICAC personnel to attend ICAC training and sixty-one to ICAC related training through programs other than ICAC. SOVA ICAC officers held one hundred and sixty-six presentations with sixteen thousand seven hundred and sixty-six persons attending. Officers participated in twenty-two public events with ten thousand seven hundred and fourteen participants. The SOVA ICAC sponsored twenty-three public awareness addresses during the annual report for 2010-2011.

Goals, Objectives and Measurements

Goal A: To serve as the resource for Internet child sexual exploitation to the Criminal Justice community in the State of Commonwealth of Virginia.

Objective: To provide technical assistance and law enforcement support for ICAC investigations statewide. This will include taking referrals and complaints, investigative assistance, legal document support, help preparing legal process, providing education about task force resources, solicitation of partners/affiliates, and offering instruction on investigative techniques.

Status: *From July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 the SOVA ICAC provided 804 technical assists.*

Goal B: To conduct both proactive and reactive investigations.

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Objective: To train additional investigators on national initiatives and work peer to peer cases and enticement or "traveler cases" during the project period and have an increase in investigations and arrests.

Status: From July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, the SOVA ICAC initiated 299 proactive cases and 434 reactive investigations.

Goal C: To provide forensic evidence that can be used successfully in prosecutions and to identify victims of child sexual exploitation.

Objective: Provide training, software and equipment to affiliate agency forensic examiners in an effort to expand the resources of the SOVA-ICAC, increase the unit's output, and to reduce the forensic case backlog.

Status: From July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, the SOVA ICAC provided 1 session of ImageScan Training in which 9 officers were trained. The SOVA ICAC also provided 2 Forensic Scan Training sessions in which 24 officers were trained, one Peer 2 Peer Training and Undercover Chat Training in which 25 officers were trained. Officers were given the necessary equipment to take home to their agency to use in the field.

Goal D: To maximize sentencing of offenders and prevent additional victimization.

Objective: Refer cases for Federal prosecution during the project period and better coordinate community outreach through our victim specialist.

Status: From July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, the SOVA ICAC submitted 91 cases to Federal prosecutors for review and possible acceptance for prosecution.

Goal E: To act quickly in response to Cybertips and referrals.

Objective: Respond to referrals and Cybertips within 24 hours of notification.

Status: From July 1, 2010 through July 30, 2011, the SOVA ICAC has maintained a below 36 hour average.

Goal F: To educate the public on Internet safety to prevent victimization.

Objective: To provide community presentations during the project period and work with the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Education on better coordinating Internet safety curriculum in the school system statewide to reach over 20,000 students and parents.

Status: From July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 the SOVA ICAC provided 166 presentations to 16,766 persons.

Goal G: Increase law enforcement capacity in the State of Commonwealth of Virginia.

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Objective: Add new affiliate or partner agencies when possible and feasible and maintain current relationships.

Status: From July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 the SOVA ICAC had 5 new agencies enter into Memorandums of Understanding.

Goal H: To provide training and resource assistance to all agencies having a formal (MOU) agreement with the SOVA-ICAC program.

Objective: To host a minimum of two ICAC related trainings and to fund/equip a minimum of five agencies with software/equipment needed to perform proactive and reactive ICAC investigations.

Status: From July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 the SOVA ICAC hosted 1 ImageScan Training class and 2 Forensic Scan Training classes, 1 Peer 2 Peer class and 1 Undercover Chat class. Computer equipment was also provided to 2 agencies.

Goal I: To develop partner relationships into affiliate agencies.

Objective: Convert partner relationships into affiliates through customized memorandums of understanding outlining the mission and goals of this relationship.

Status: From July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 the SOVA ICAC had 5 new agencies enter into Memorandums of Understanding.

Goal J: To support the national initiatives which are designed to provide a large scale solution to the problem of child sexual exploitation.

Objective: To continue to work peer to peer cases during the current program cycle and to enhance proactive efforts by conducting undercover chat stings and knock and talk stings.

Status: From July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 the SOVA ICAC continues to work Peer to Peer cases, undercover chats, and Cybertip referrals.

BUDGET

Personnel	\$486,688
Equipment	\$ 38,864
Supplies	<u>\$ 74,448</u>
Total	\$600,000

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A few cases of interest during the first half of the reporting period of 2010 include the following:

- Lynchburg/Bedford--July 28, 2010--Investigators from the Bedford County Sheriff's Office and Lynchburg Police Department executed a search warrant in on 7/28/10 at 2122 hrs in Bedford County as part of a multi-jurisdictional investigation into the sexual exploitation of children. The search warrant was in regards to a complaint of Indecent Liberties with a Child. The investigation began when the Lynchburg Police Department received a report of the allegations involving a juvenile male resident. The mother of the victim found suspicious interaction with an adult female on the victim's cell phone and notified the Lynchburg Police Department. Victim alleges that the suspect took him to her residence where the incident occurred. Bedford County Sheriff's Office became involved when it was determined that the user of the cell phone resided in Forest. At the conclusion of the search warrant, investigators arrested Valarie H. Casto, W/F/39 of 1104 Abbey Place, Forest VA on one count of Indecent Liberties with a Child While in a Custodial Relationship and one count of Attempted Indecent Liberties with a Child While in a Custodial Relationship. Mrs. Casto is a teacher at a local middle school in Lynchburg, VA where the victim attends.
- Louisa--On 11/13/10, Alan J. Sauve of Windsor, Ontario, Canada was arrested outside of Detroit, Michigan for using a communication system to solicit sex from a minor. The arrest was the culmination of a 10-month long investigation by the Louisa County Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force and began with the Internet solicitation of an actual 14-year-old girl in Louisa County. Once the solicitation was reported, the Louisa ICAC assumed the girl's online identity and began communicating with Sauve and eventually a meeting place in Michigan was set for November 13. Sauve was arrested without incident by US Customs and Border Patrol agents in US Territory and extradition to Virginia is pending. Louisa County Sheriff Ashland Fortune said "This arrest shows how global the problem of internet child sexual exploitation is and how the Louisa County Sheriff's Office is taking a proactive stance to apprehend these offenders." It should be noted that there are potentially 27 felony charges for either Solicitation for child pornography or Use of a communication system to solicit sex from a minor less than 15 YOA. Each charge carries a minimum mandatory 5 year prison sentence, if convicted.

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- Gloucester/Williamsburg/James City County—Gloucester County Sheriff's Office with the assistance of Williamsburg Police Department and the James City County/Williamsburg Commonwealth Attorney's Office obtained 12 felony indictments (Possession of Child Pornography with the intent to distribute) for James Moyer Allred of Williamsburg at the September 15, 2010 Williamsburg/James City County Grand Jury. Allred turned himself in to authorities Monday, October 11, 2010. Allred's arrest stems from an investigation into the distribution of child pornography on the Internet. The investigation led to the execution of a search warrant (executed on 7/12/10) at the residence of Allred on Cole Lane, in Williamsburg. Computers seized from the residence during that search warrant had several hundred videos and pictures of what appears to be child pornography. Members of the Southern Virginia Internet Crimes against Children Task Force routinely conduct investigations into the distribution of child pornography on the Internet. Gloucester County Sheriff's Office and the James City County/Williamsburg Commonwealth Attorney's Office are members of the task force. Allred was released on a \$25,000 secured bond from the Peninsula Regional Jail.
- Louisa County—The Louisa County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with the Albemarle County Police Department and Charlottesville Police Department is concluding a month-long undercover operation targeting Internet sexual predators on online classified websites such as craigslist.com. The joint operation is part of an ongoing effort by the Southern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children (SOVA ICAC) Task Force and has furthered the effort to protect children by apprehending online predators. To date, the undercover operation, dubbed "Operation Guardian Online", has apprehended 5 separate suspects on 11 felony warrants and served 17 subpoenas on internet service providers. Several search warrants were also served during the month-long operation with the cooperation of other agencies within the SOVA ICAC. In addition, three other targets of separate investigations were indicted by a Louisa County Grand Jury on counts ranging from solicitation of a minor through use of a communication device to distribution of child pornography. Louisa County Sheriff Ashland Fortune said about the operation: "This joint operation illustrates how a pooling of regional resources can increase effectiveness in apprehending online predators. Protecting innocent children is a high priority in Louisa County and we're very grateful for the additional resources and cooperation of the Albemarle County and Charlottesville City Police Departments." The multi-jurisdictional effort marks the first time SOVA ICAC District 4 law enforcement agencies have joined together to concentrate efforts to target online predators in specific areas.
- Radford City—On Wednesday, April 27, 2011, a student attending school in

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Radford, VA, was arrested for possession and s=distribution of child pornography, as a result of an investigation by Radford Police and Bedford County Sheriff's Office, both members of the Southern Virginia Crimes Against Children Task Force. Investigators with the Bedford County Sheriff's Office began an investigation on March 8, 2011, into a suspect found to be trading known images of child pornography. This suspect had been seen trading child pornography in multiple locations, including Virginia Beach and Radford. Once a suspect was identified, the case was referred to Radford Police Department. On April 27, 2011, members of the Radford Police Department executed a search warrant, and located child pornography in the possession of the subject. He was arrested by Radford investigators on 5 counts of possession of child pornography, and 5 counts of distribution of child pornography, as a result of the investigation. The Southern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force is a regional taskforce whose sole focus is combating the sexual exploitation of children via the internet. The Bedford County Sheriff's Office is the lead agency for the Southern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and has been at the forefront of combating online sexual exploitation of children. The Radford Police Department is an affiliate agency with the Southern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.