

**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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The Honorable Charles J. Colgan
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The Honorable S. Chris Jones
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Pursuant to the Appropriation Act, Item 414 L.2. (Regular Session, 2015), 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, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

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-DC ICAC TASK FORCE
DURING THE SIXTH 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 technology. Despite our efforts to address these complex and very serious crimes, there are still many who choose to actively prey upon our children and they are in a constant search to stay one step ahead of law enforcement.

The Internet and computers have become so commonplace in American life that all communities are impacted by their use. According to the U.S. Census Bureau's Computer and Internet Use in the United States 2012 Survey, more Americans are connected to the Internet than ever before, which translates to increased access by online child sexual predators in the United States and globally. This dynamic has contributed to an increase in the overall activities of the NOVA-DC ICAC. The task force continues to experience a large number of predators willing to travel great distances and even from other countries to meet children with whom they have developed an online relationship. The NOVA-DC ICAC region is home to over four million residents, so law enforcement is greatly outnumbered when it comes to investigating these dangerous crimes against children. Due to the current economic downturn, many law enforcement agencies are closely evaluating their agencies' investigative and personnel priorities. However, NOVA-DC ICAC affiliate law enforcement agencies continue to keep Internet crimes against children investigations a priority. This is in large part due to the financial support provided by the Internet Crimes Against Children Fund.

The NOVA-DC ICAC is comprised of the Virginia State Police and 54 partnering local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, who work to pursue those responsible for these crimes. With the exception of one federal agency not listed, the following are the participating agencies:

NOVA-DC ICAC TASK FORCE AFFILIATE AGENCIES

Affiliate Agency Name	Agency Type
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 Fire Marshal Office	County
Fairfax County Police Department	County
Falls Church Police Department	City/Local
Fauquier County Sheriff	County
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)	Federal
Federal Housing Finance Agency, Inspector General	Federal
Frederick County Sheriff	County
Fredericksburg City Police Department	City/Local
George Mason University Police Department	City/Local
Harrisonburg Police Department	City/Local
Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)	Federal
Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation	Federal
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
Northern Virginia Community College Police	City/Local
Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention	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	County
Shenandoah County Sheriff	County
Spotsylvania County Sheriff	County
Stafford County Sheriff	County
Town of Culpeper Police Department	City/Local
Town of Haymarket Police Department	City/Local
Town of Herndon Police Department	City/Local
Town of Leesburg Police Department	City/Local
Town of Strasburg Police Department	City/Local
Town of Vienna Police Department	City/Local
Town of Warrenton Police Department	City/Local
Town of Woodstock Police Department	City/Local
U.S. Air Force Office of Special Investigations	Federal

U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command – CCIU	Federal
U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, & Explosives	Federal
U.S. Coast Guard Investigative Services	Federal
U.S. Court Services and Offender Supervision	Federal
U.S. Customs & Border Protection	Federal
U.S. Department of Energy	Federal
U.S. Postal Service	Federal
Virginia Attorney General's Office	State
Virginia State Police	Task Force Lead
Warren County Sheriff	County
Winchester City Police Department	City/Local

In a continuing effort to expand the task force, meetings were held with a number of potential affiliate agencies, after which two new agencies formally joined the task force this fiscal year. The cooperation and collaboration of these agencies has led to many successes. These affiliated agencies work tirelessly to support one another and protect our children from those who seek to exploit their innocence. A few examples of their hard work are as follows:

- The NOVA-DC ICAC Task Force executed a search warrant on a residence located in Fairfax County, pursuant to an undercover investigation where the suspect met five young teenagers over the Internet and exchanged sexually explicit images with them. The suspect, on three occasions, picked up one of the minors and engaged in sexual activity. He then took pictures and videos of this criminal behavior, which included sadistic or masochistic conduct or other depictions of violence. The investigation resulted in the identification of multiple victims.
- The NOVA-DC ICAC Task Force executed a search warrant on a residence in Frederick County in reference to an illegal solicitation of sexual images of a minor. The investigation uncovered communication between a student and a member of school staff, whom requested sexual images in exchange for enhanced grades. Digital evidence was recovered the suspect has been indicted on multiple felony charges.
- The NOVA-DC ICAC Task Force executed a search warrant on a residence located in Manassas Virginia, in reference to an illegal production, distribution and possession of child pornography. The investigation revealed the suspect was a volunteer with access to many children.
- The NOVA-DC ICAC Task Force executed a search warrant in Loudoun County on a violent sex offender, who previously served six years in prison. The investigation revealed that the suspect was distributing and possessing child pornography across numerous networks. As a result of

the search warrant, the suspect was identified and 20 computers were seized.

- Task Force personnel arrested a subject in Rockingham County for traveling several hours to meet a juvenile for the purposes of engaging in sexual activities. Later the accused pled guilty to all charges.
- NOVA-DC ICAC personnel arrested a subject on multiple counts of possession of child pornography in Fairfax County. During the investigation, it was discovered that the suspect leveraged his position as a youth coach to solicit inappropriate images from players.
- Task Force personnel downloaded in excess of 3200 images of child pornography through a file sharing network. Follow up investigation resulted in a search warrant and the seizure of electronic evidence. Subsequently, the suspect was arrested on multiple violations and later pled guilty.
- NOVA-DC ICAC Task Force arrested seven suspects, in Prince William County during a proactive investigation as part of the National Broken Heart II initiative. All seven suspects travelled to Prince William for the purpose of having sexual relations with underage children. These suspects were arrested onsite and held without bond.

These brief case summaries are intended to be a very small representation of the volumes of complex and noteworthy criminal investigations being handled by the NOVA-DC ICAC Task Force. The task force is committed to providing highly efficient and professional services across its region, as well as collateral support to the other 61 task forces nationwide.

As such, special training and equipment are necessary on an ongoing basis to keep pace with evolving technologies and the complexities associated with these investigations. In addition to evolving technologies, media capacity continues to grow, which demands increasing efficiency for the forensic analysis of digital evidence. Details are included in the subsequent pages.

Northern Virginia-DC ICAC Task Force
Appropriation Expenditures during July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

PERSONNEL

Expended: \$515,374

TRAINING/TRAVEL EXPENSES

Expended: \$55,551

EQUIPMENT EXPENSES

Expended: \$638,519

OTHER

Expended: \$68,579

TOTALS

Initial Budget: \$ 1,411,239
Expended: \$ 1,354,990
Unexpended: \$ 56,249

*Additional cash received \$ 117,935
Year-end "Cash" Balance \$ 174,184 (Unexpended + Additional Cash Received)

*Additional Cash Received is representative of cash deposited after June 30, 2015. The agency was unaware of these monies (\$117,935) earned during the month of June from the ICAC Fund. As such, there was no way to allocate these funds prior to the end of the fiscal cycle.

The unexpended funds (\$56,249) result from allocated monies where items were not received and/or paid for prior to the end of the fiscal cycle. Additionally, one special agent and one first sergeant transferred during the fiscal year. Although both vacancies were filled as quickly as possible, both positions remained vacant for several months, which resulted in a lower than projected salary and fringe cost. Further, a small portion of the unexpended funds was retained to support investigative work and overtime. Due to circumstances beyond task force control, these funds were not required prior to the end of the fiscal cycle.

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/Undercover 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. Additionally, human resources impact the task force as a whole by increasing the hours dedicated to ICAC investigative work, as well as improving the continuity of administrative functions that ultimately benefits the overall efficiency of the task force. These partnerships provide resources to work cooperatively across the task force region to combat Internet crimes against children. Together, personnel initiate investigations related to technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation and child pornography with a goal to reduce child victimization through the identification, apprehension and prosecution of child sexual predators.

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 ICAC Investigative Guidelines and Operational Standards. The focus of these training endeavors includes:

- Increasing the investigative capabilities of state and local law enforcement officers in the detection, investigation, and apprehension of Internet crimes against children offenses or offenders, including technology-facilitated child exploitation offenses.
- Providing advanced capabilities/skills and technical assistance to ICAC task forces and other federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies in the areas of investigations, forensics, prosecution, community outreach, and capacity-building, using recognized experts to assist in the development and delivery of a wide array of training programs.
- Enhancing a uniformed nationwide response to Internet crimes against children offenses, including assisting other ICAC task forces, as well as other federal, state, and local agencies with Internet crimes against children investigations and prosecutions related to the Commonwealth.
- Developing and delivering Internet crimes against children public awareness and prevention programs.

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

- National Law Enforcement Training Conference, Atlanta, GA
- Crimes Against Children Conference workshops, Dallas, TX
- National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) training
- SANS training
- Advanced wireless network training
- Reid specialized interview training
- Cellebrite mobile device software training
- Digital forensic training
- National Cyber Crimes Conference (NCCC) training
- Cyber tip training
- Digital forensic certification and re-certification trainings
- Various mobile device forensic and investigative trainings

TRAVEL

In order to build a robust investigative foundation, it is essential that the NOVA-DC ICAC support affiliate agencies with authorized travel related expenses. Such expenses involve support for applicable transportation, meals and lodging for personnel attending specialized training and operational meetings. NOVA-DC ICAC personnel also travel to conduct field work and ICAC pro-active/reactive investigations, which often requires 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, 22 personnel participated in Pro-Active Operations, and supervisors worked jointly in support of ICAC field personnel. Several task force members travelled out of the area for follow-up investigative work and court proceedings on child exploitation cases. Additional travel expenses were incurred to attend a two-day National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) meeting. Travel expenses were supported for the NOVA-DC ICAC regional meetings, human trafficking prevention meetings, and ICAC Operational meetings.

Travel is essential to promote collaboration and cooperation across the region, as well as to enhance continuity of operations.

EQUIPMENT

The NOVA-DC ICAC investigates technology facilitated criminal activity. These complex investigations are conducted in an evolving environment. While emerging technologies may serve to enhance the capabilities of the investigator, they also serve to advance the criminal element making investigations even more challenging. The NOVA-DC ICAC strives to ensure that each fully participating affiliate has the necessary

equipment and software to enable them to conduct thorough and comprehensive investigations. Such expenditures include equipment as well as the ongoing support and maintenance required for software licenses and updates.

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

- ICAC Forensic Truck
- Community Outreach Materials
- 2 Way Portable Radio
- VHF Mobile Radio with Control Head
- Charger for Portable
- Travel Organizers
- Electronics Toolkit
- Hand Carts
- Power Inverters-400watt
- USB Power Adapters
- HDMI Cables
- VGA Cable With Audio
- USB 3.0 PCI Cable
- USB Dongle Servers
- USB Cables
- Laptop Replacement Batteries
- Digital Storage Towers
- Digital Forensics Field Kit
- Car Charger Cords
- Replacement Radio Batteries
- Digital External Storage Devices
- Computer Monitors Apple/Dell/Samsung
- Keyboard/Mouse Combos
- LaserJet Printer
- Forensic Computers
- Digital Storage Server
- UPS Battery Backups
- External Battery Packs for UPS
- Mini Display Cables VGA/DVI/HDMI
- Cellular Forensics Box
- Solid State Drives
- CD/DVD Disk Drives
- Desktop Computers
- 15" Laptops
- Keyboards
- iPad Tablets
- Monitor Stands for Desktop Computers
- Monitor Shelf for Desktop Computers
- Headphones-Audio
- 15-inch Hard Cases Laptops
- 13-inch Hard Cases Laptops
- Keyboard Cover
- Laptop Screen Protectors
- Monitor Screen Protectors
- Bluetooth Mouse
- Document Scanners
- Portable Digital Storage Drives
- USB 2.0, 4 Port Hubs
- 85Watt Power Adapters
- USB 3.0, 4 Port Hubs
- Disk Imager Software/Device
- USB 3.0 Cable Adapter
- Lightning to USB Cables
- Monitor Mount Adapters
- HDMI to HDMI Cables
- Port to Video Adapters
- HDMI to HDMI Cables
- 4TB Hard Drives
- KVM Switches
- Portable Camera
- Tablet Cases
- Fire Wire Cables

OTHER

A recent report by the United States Marshals Service Behavioral Analysis Unit that surveyed 500 Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) personnel and 85 spouses or significant others denoted specific findings with regards to secondary stress in ICAC personnel. The report seeks to provide an idea of how secondary stress can impact the investigator and loved ones; communicate which coping skills were related to lower

secondary traumatic stress scores; and share the advice offered by significant others of ICAC personnel. The author was surprised by the number of comments from significant others stating the need for mandatory mental health check-ins or counseling.

Through the use of appropriated funds, the NOVA-DC ICAC has been proactive in its approach to the issues surrounding secondary stress. Consistent with the report, NOVA-DC ICAC personnel operate in a supportive work environment; meaning one where respondents feel their co-workers can be relied on in difficult situations, are easy to communicate with, and are willing to extend help on challenging cases. Affiliates are invited to take part in peer discussion groups and they are afforded the confidential services of a highly qualified mental health provider. The task force recognizes the value of human resources and the serious nature of secondary stress. The Mental Wellness Program continues to provide support and guidance in an effort to protect the welfare of personnel subjected to disturbing and graphic depiction of child victimization.

In addition to the Mental Wellness Program, other miscellaneous and/or recurring costs are necessary for the support of the ICAC office and personnel. Through the appropriated funding, the ICAC was also able to procure or provide the following:

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

Performance Results and Enforcement Activities

The hard work and dedication of the many NOVA-DC ICAC personnel are documented in numerous reports, media releases, and public presentations. Additionally, the NOVA-DC ICAC is mandated to report monthly to the Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (DOJ/OJJDP). The various metrics included in the DOJ/OJJDP Reports have been compiled and incorporated below for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

Overall, the NOVA-DC ICAC experienced a 56% increase in the number of documented complaints and a 36% increase in the number of arrests. The statistics indicate a 46% increase in the number of Cybertips received. Cybertips continue to be voluminous and must continue to be assessed on a case-by-case basis to ensure no victim is overlooked. Further, NOVA-DC ICAC personnel planned, obtained, and executed 716 search warrants, which is a 22% increase from the previous fiscal year. Additionally,

the 637 search warrants represent a 27% increase in the number of State/Local search warrants.

The NOVA-DC ICAC personnel routinely support one another in various ways. Such support and collaboration is reflected in a 32% increase in the number of training opportunities provided. Also, the task force engaged in 159 community outreach events; an increase of 87% over the past fiscal year.

Documented Complaints

Traveler	Proactive	72
	Reactive	12
Enticement	Proactive	216
	Reactive	130
Obscenity Directed to Minors	Proactive	23
	Reactive	143
Child Prostitution	Proactive	8
	Reactive	60
Manufacture Child Pornography	Proactive	33
	Reactive	66
Distribution of Child Pornography	Proactive	97
	Reactive	163
Possession of Child Pornography	Proactive	60
	Reactive	194

Case Information

Case Dispositions	Unfounded	149
	Suspended ¹	28
	Plea	87
	Trial	21
Case Referrals	Federal	84
	State	116
	Local	116
Submitted for Federal Prosecution		71
Accepted for Federal Prosecution		66

Number of Investigations 883

<u>Arrests</u>		230
<u>Goals</u>		
Cybertips Received		1142
CVIP Submissions		34
Affiliated Agencies Added		5
Child Victims Identified		
	CVIP	673
	Cases	23
<u>Court Actions</u>		
Subpoenas or Court Orders		
	Federal	435
	State/Local	649
Search Warrants		
	Federal	79
	State/Local	637
<u>Technical Assists</u>		
Technical Support		914
Forensic Exams		1167
<u>Training</u>		
Training Sessions Provided		33
Law Enforcement Trained		203
Prosecutors Trained		2
Other Professions Trained		13
Number sent to ICAC Training		59
Number sent to Other Training		37
<u>Community Outreach</u>		
Presentations		127
Number of Attendees		6020
Public Events		18
Number of Attendees		9945
Public Awareness		14

Footnote:

1. Suspended – Inactive case closed due to lack of investigative leads

Department of Criminal Justice Services Funding for NOVA-DC ICAC Affiliates

The Virginia State Police (VSP) entered into an inter-agency agreement with the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) to disburse allocated ICAC funds in support of NOVA/DC ICAC Task Force affiliates. The hard work and dedication of the many NOVA-DC ICAC personnel is documented in numerous reports, media releases, and public presentations. Additionally, the NOVA-DC ICAC is mandated to report monthly to the Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (DOJ/OJJDP). The task force's metrics are denoted on page 10 of this report and are consistent with the time period of this DCJS award.

The NOVA-DC ICAC Task Force actively engaged in training, community outreach, and enforcement to enhance capabilities and encourage increased participation. Additionally, task force staff engaged many non-affiliated agencies in an effort to increase task force membership. As such, two new organizations have since joined the task force. Capacity building across the region continues to be a priority for the task force. This is a dynamic goal that is accomplished through proactive and ongoing collaboration with all affiliates that affords them technical support, as well as the ability to fund jurisdiction specific needs.

Each respective jurisdiction is different and their community has unique demands of their law enforcement. Some agencies require support for overtime to conduct ICAC investigations, while others need advanced equipment and training. As such, this funding was distributed across the region directly to NOVA-DC ICAC affiliate agencies via memorandums of agreement. Affiliated agencies expended the funding on their unique ICAC related expenses, which included training, community outreach, equipment, overtime, and salaries. The agencies worked with task force command to identify and prioritize their needs, which enabled each agency to build capacity within their specific area of responsibility. The positive feedback from the ICAC affiliates has been extraordinary and agencies are more prepared to engage in these highly complex investigations. In addition to the areas identified earlier in the report, some additional training and community outreach efforts include the following:

- Numerous investigators attended the Crimes Against Children Conference, Dallas, TX
- A number of investigators and their supervisors attended the National Law Enforcement Training on Child Exploitation, Atlanta, GA
- Investigators attended ICAC Investigative Techniques Training
- Several investigators attended National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C) trainings
- Task Force personnel participated in numerous community outreach events, to include "I know Better" (INBTR) program.
- Personnel attended National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) Training
- Many affiliate members participated in a variety of mobile device certification classes

- Numerous task force personnel participated in many unique ICAC specific training courses designed to enhance their investigative capacity
- Task Force personnel provided an additional 126 presentations and other community outreach events attended by approximately 5,990 persons

Disbursement of Funds

Budget Category	Budget	Total Expenditures	Unexpended Budget
Salary & Fringe	\$57,612	\$40,502.10	\$17,110
Supplies	\$356	\$0.00	\$356
*Consultants	\$305,032	\$303,370.89	\$1,661
Equipment	\$150,000	\$150,000.00	\$0
Grand Totals	\$513,000	\$493,872.99	\$19,127

*Consultants – This category reflects funding provided directly to local affiliate agencies for capacity building. As such, 84% of the funding went directly to the affiliate agencies to address their unique needs, while the remaining 16% included supplies and administrative support.

An addendum to the original Memorandum of Agreement provided \$150,000 towards the purchase of a new Mobile Forensic Vehicle. This new vehicle provides a high quality sterile environment for personnel to conduct forensic examinations and interviews. This new vehicle will be operated in addition to the existing Mobile Forensic Vehicle providing both the eastern and western affiliates access to a clean and highly functional workspace while at the respective crime scenes.

Consistent with DCJS guidelines, an administrative support person was employed in January 2014. The support person has since resigned and we were unable to fill the vacancy prior to the end of the fiscal year. As such, this resulted in an unexpended budget balance of \$17,110 in the Salary & Fringe categories. Additionally, \$356 was budgeted for office supplies, paper, and postage. This amount was paid through another funding source and not charged against these funds.

To further enhance capacity, NOVA/DC ICAC Task Force affiliates utilized their funding to procure highly technical equipment that enables investigators to conduct these complex investigations in an ever evolving cyber environment. Additionally, the task force thrives on collaboration to enhance effectiveness and efficiency. Affiliates support one another through mobile on-scene response, technical assistance, search warrant execution, and intelligence sharing to enhance awareness and their knowledge base. Further, the funding provides some relief to agencies struggling with limited budgets, and it prevents them from being forced to choose whether or not to investigate these unconscionable crimes. The unexpended funds in the Consultants category (\$1,661) result from allocated monies where items were not received and/or paid for prior to the end of the fiscal cycle.

Affiliate agencies utilized their funding to address their individual needs in a variety of ways to include:

- Purchasing computers, tablets, printers, scanners, and related accessories
- Off-setting salaries to dedicate a full-time investigator to combating child exploitation
- Paying overtime for investigators to complete these complex investigations
- Purchasing software and license renewals
- Procuring mobile devices
- Off-setting vehicle costs for full-time task force investigators
- Paying travel expenses and registration fees for high quality specialized training
- Procuring specialized equipment to enhance officer safety
- Purchasing enhanced communication devices
- Purchasing on-scene triage equipment and software
- Procuring digital cameras and video equipment
- Purchasing digital storage devices and additional portable hard drives to support investigations

Each agency is staffed and equipped differently, which validates the methodology employed by the NOVA-DC ICAC Task Force. With funding being distributed to the affiliates, they are empowered to make decisions that directly impact their ability to engage in these complex investigations. These agencies work very closely with the task force to ensure that all expenditures are consistent with the goals and objectives of state and national ICAC Program. The NOVA-DC ICAC affiliates are highly professional organizations dedicated to protecting the Commonwealth's most vulnerable citizens.

As the coordinating agency, the Virginia State Police respects and appreciates the collaboration of the 54 participating agencies. Collectively, we are proactive in our pursuit of those who prey upon our children, while simultaneously striving to prevent child victimization through collaboration, training, community outreach, and enforcement.