

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

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



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Pursuant to the Appropriation Act Item 398 H.2 (Regular Session, 2016), I am respectfully submitting herewith a report on the *Actual Expenditures and Performance Results Achieved by the Northern Virginia – District of Columbia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force* for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

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-DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ICAC TASK FORCE
DURING THE SEVENTH YEAR**

OVERVIEW OF THE TASK FORCE

The Northern Virginia-District of Columbia Internet Crimes Against Children 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 2013 Survey, more than 80 per cent of individuals in Virginia live in a household with high speed internet access, 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 60 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

Agency	Type
Alexandria Police Department	City
Arlington County Police Department	County
Clarke County Sheriff's Office	County

Culpeper County Sheriff's Office	County
Fairfax City Police Department	City
Fairfax County Fire Marshal Office	County
Fairfax County Police Department	County
Falls Church Police Department	City
Fauquier County Sheriff's Office	County
Frederick County Sheriff's Office	County
Fredericksburg Police Department	City
George Mason University Police Department	Local
Harrisonburg Police Department	City
Harrisonburg/Rockingham County C.A. Office	State
Loudoun County Sheriff's Office	County
Madison County Sheriff's Office	County
Manassas City Police Department	City
Manassas Park Police Department	City
Metro DC Police Department	City
Northern Va. Community College Police Department	Local
Orange County Sheriff's Office	County
Page County Sheriff's Office	County
Prince William County Police Department	County
Rappahannock County Sheriff's Office	County
Rockingham County Sheriff's Office	County
Shenandoah County Sheriff's Office	County
Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office	County
Stafford County Sheriff's Office	County
Town of Culpeper Police Department	City
Town of Haymarket Police Department	City
Town of Herndon Police Department	City
Town of Leesburg Police Department	City
Town of Luray Police Department	City
Town of Quantico Police Department	City
Town of Middletown Police Department	City
Town of Strasburg Police Department	City
Town of Vienna Police Department	City
Town of Warrenton Police Department	City
Town of Woodstock Police Department	City
NASA OIG Computer Crimes Division	Federal
U.S. Air Force Office of Special Investigations	Federal
U.S. Army - CCIU	Federal
U.S. Bureau of ATF & Explosives	Federal
U.S. Coast Guard Investigative Unit	Federal
U.S. Department of Energy - OIG	Federal
U.S. DHS - Immigration and Customs Enforcement	Federal
U.S. DHS - Custom & Border Protection	Federal
U.S. DHS - Office of Inspector General	Federal
U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation	Federal

U.S. Federal Housing Finance - OIG	Federal
U.S. General Services Administration - OIG	Federal
U.S. Health & Human Services - OIG	Federal
U.S. Internal Revenue Service - CIU	Federal
U.S. National Reconnaissance Office - OIG	Federal
U.S. Naval Criminal Investigative Services	Federal
U.S. Postal Inspection Service	Federal
Virginia Attorney General's Office	State
Warren County Sheriff's Office	County
Winchester Police Department	City

In a continuing effort to expand the task force, meetings were held with a number of potential affiliate agencies, after which four 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 worked in conjunction with the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office in a proactive operation to target predators who solicit minors through various online and telephonic communications to engage in unlawful sexual activity. In addition to the Virginia State Police and Loudoun County Sheriff's Office, other participants included the Prince William County Police Department, the Town of Herndon Police Department, the Fairfax County Police Department, Homeland Security Investigations, the United States Marshals Service, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Office of the Attorney General, and the Loudoun County Commonwealth Attorney's Office. During the course of the week, the Task Force executed three search warrants which yielded large amounts of evidence containing obvious child pornography. The investigation continues and arrests are expected from all three. In addition, three adult males were arrested in three separate incidents during the operation for traveling to meet with what they thought were juvenile females for the purpose of having sex. From the apprehension of these three travelers came a total of five charges for use of a communication device to entice a minor, and two charges of production of child pornography. One of these individuals showed up with a handgun and stun gun. All three were taken into custody without incident.
- The NOVA-DC ICAC Task Force, with assistance from the High Tech Crimes Section, executed a search warrant in Madison County in reference to a child pornography investigation that began in September. The suspect was located and arrested during the execution of the search warrant. He was charged with ten counts of possession of child pornography. In addition, two firearms were located and additional charges may be forthcoming as the suspect is a

convicted felon. Several items were seized as evidence and the investigation continues.

- The High Tech Crimes Division, with assistance from the NOVA-DC ICAC Task Force, was asked to investigate the unlawful filming of a minor in Prince Edward County. Through investigation, it was learned an adult male had on multiple occasions attempted to film his juvenile niece while she was nude. A confession was obtained and a cell phone seized that had evidence of the crime. He was arrested and subsequently pled guilty to Attempted Unlawful Filming of a Minor and Unlawful Filming of a Minor. He was given a ten year sentence with nine years and one month suspended, eleven months of active house arrest, and two years of supervised probation.
- The NOVA-DC ICAC Task Force assisted the Prince William County Police Department in the execution of a search warrant in the Town of Haymarket in reference to a child pornography investigation. A hidden cell phone was located with numerous images of child pornography on it. The suspect was arrested and other items of evidence were seized. Additionally, there were dozens of firearms located and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives is considering possible federal charges.
- The NOVA-DC ICAC Task Force and High Tech Crimes Section assisted the Prince William County Police Department in the execution of a search warrant in reference to a child solicitation investigation where the suspect had previously traveled to Maryland to pick up a juvenile female, bringing her to Virginia with the intent of having sex with her. In addition he had obtained nude images of this juvenile. He confessed to possession of the images (child pornography) and picking the juvenile up and bringing her into Virginia. Additionally, he admitted that it was not the first time. Numerous items of evidence were recovered corroborating the identified victim's story. The subject was arrested on several charges relating to using a communication device to solicit minors. The investigation is ongoing.
- The NOVA-DC ICAC Task Force, with assistance from the High Tech Crimes Section, executed a search warrant in Spotsylvania in reference to a child pornography investigation that was initially based on a cybertip. Numerous items were seized to include a computer, iPad, and numerous CDs containing images. The suspect gave a confession and was arrested and charged with ten counts of possession of child pornography.
- Members of the High Tech Crimes Section, along with the NOVA-DC ICAC Task Force, executed a search warrant in Newport News. The search warrant was a result of an undercover investigation involving peer to peer file sharing of child pornography. As Agents were at the

home analyzing the electronic evidence, it became clear that the suspect was actively sexually abusing a young female child in the residence. A victim advocate from the Federal Bureau of Investigation was on scene and made the necessary notifications to the local child protective services. The suspect was immediately arrested and charged. Additional charges are anticipated after consultation with the Attorney General's Office.

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 concerning personnel, training, and equipment purchases are included in the subsequent pages.

Northern Virginia-DC ICAC Task Force
Appropriation Expenditures during July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

PERSONNEL

Expended: \$ 569,391

TRAINING/TRAVEL EXPENSES

Expended: \$ 139,909

EQUIPMENT EXPENSES

Expended: \$ 469,224

OTHER

Expended: \$ 76,427

TOTALS

Initial Budget: \$ 1,458,299

Expended: \$ 1,254,951

Unexpended: \$ 203,348

*Additional Cash Received \$ 111,884

Year-end "Cash" Balance \$ 315,232 (Unexpended + Additional Cash Received)

*Additional Cash Received represents cash deposited after June 14, 2016. The agency was unaware of these monies (\$111,884) 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 (\$203,348) result from allocated monies where equipment was ordered but was not received and/or paid for prior to the end of the fiscal cycle. This equipment includes 12 custom-built forensic laptops totaling \$50,592 and the yearly maintenance of the forensic server at \$9,450. Further, a portion of the unexpended funds was retained to support investigative work and overtime compensation including a projection of an additional \$40,000 in salary/fringe and equipment for the newly created special agent position which unfortunately was not filled until April 25, 2016.

PERSONNEL

As a result of sustained funding support, the NOVA-DC ICAC is able to employ one supervisor, three special agents, and two program support technicians. Sustained funding also provided an opportunity to expand the task force by allowing the Virginia State Police to create a fourth special agent position. 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 to remain in 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
- X-1 training
- X-Ways training
- SANS training
- Social Net training
- Cyber Commission workshops
- ICAC Supervisors training
- Managing a Computer Evidence Recovery Lab training
- Basic Data Recovery and Analysis training
- International Association of Computer Investigative Specialist training
- Interdiction training
- ChildFirst 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, 17 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:

- Replacement cell phones
- Multiple software maintenance renewals
- Multiple new software tools
- Undercover internet modem
- Website domain name renewals
- FRED-C server maintenance
- Additional door for forensic truck
- Community outreach promotional items
- Evidence server back-up tapes
- Computer monitors
- Monitor wall mounts
- Police Gear Condor pouches
- Battering rams
- Mobile printers
- External hard drives
- Internal hard drives
- Computer memory upgrades
- Automotive and RV supplies for two forensic trucks
- iPad Air 2 with WiFi
- Xbox One with cables & power supply
- Play Station 4 with cables & power supply
- External USB 3.0 storage
- APC power supplies & cords
- HP LaserJet replacement printer
- Ramsey RF Test Enclosures - window and gloves
- Falcon Northwest Talon forensic computer
- Logitech keyboard/mouse combos
- HP printer for CERS Salem Lab
- Multiple Apple cables
- Multiple Apple keyboards and mice
- 20-port Dongle server
- Forensic Explorer w/Mount Image Pro
- BD-R Everest disks
- Drobo 5 bay storage arrays
- Pegasus Promise2 RAID systems
- Computer built to house disk imager

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
- Miscellaneous vehicle expenses (fuel, insurance, repair, and maintenance)
- General liability insurance
- Meals reimbursement
- Phone reimbursement
- Payroll Service Bureau yearly fees
- 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, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Overall, the NOVA-DC ICAC experienced a 23% increase in the number of documented complaints and a 41% increase in the number of arrests. 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 869 total search warrants, which is a 21% increase from the previous fiscal year. Additionally, this also represents a 17% 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 98% increase in the number of law enforcement personnel trained in various ICAC related subjects. Also, the task force engaged in 187 community outreach events, an increase of 18% over the past fiscal year.

Documented Complaints

Traveler	Proactive	56
	Reactive	24
Enticement	Proactive	40
	Reactive	259
Obscenity Directed to Minors	Proactive	14
	Reactive	243
Child Prostitution	Proactive	18
	Reactive	22
Manufacture Child Pornography	Proactive	45
	Reactive	137
Distribution of Child Pornography	Proactive	110
	Reactive	241
Possession of Child Pornography	Proactive	71
	Reactive	293

Case Information

Case Dispositions	Unfounded	223
	Suspended ¹	42
	Plea	97
	Trial	20
Case Referrals	Federal	151
	State	112
	Local	147
Submitted for Federal Prosecution		99
Accepted for Federal Prosecution		96

Number of Investigations 1129

Arrests 324

Goals

Cybertips Received		942
CVIP Submissions		38
Affiliated Agencies Added		4
Child Victims Identified	CVIP	55
	Cases	40

Court Actions

Subpoenas or Court Orders	Federal	876
	State/Local	936
Search Warrants	Federal	114
	State/Local	755

Technical Assists

Technical Support		166
Forensic Exams		2007

Training

Training Sessions Provided		24
Law Enforcement Trained		401
Prosecutors Trained		6
Other Professions Trained		1
Number sent to ICAC Training		47
Number sent to Other Training		47

Community Outreach

Presentations	142
Number of Attendees	6544
Public Events	17
Number of Attendees	2410
Public Awareness	28

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 local 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, three new local law enforcement 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, Texas
- A number of investigators and their supervisors attended the National Law Enforcement Training on Child Exploitation, Atlanta, Georgia
- 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
*Consultants	\$475,000	\$474,584	\$416
Grand Totals	\$475,000	\$474,584	\$416

*Consultants – This category reflects funding provided directly to local affiliate agencies for capacity building. As such, 100% of the funding went directly to the affiliate agencies to address their unique needs.

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 (\$416) 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 60 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.