

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

**A Report to the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, the Senate
Finance Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the Director of the
Department of Planning and Budget**



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Pursuant to the 2019 Virginia Appropriation Act, Item 395 H.2; 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, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

Respectfully,

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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 NINTH 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 2016 Survey, more than 83 percent of individuals in Virginia live in a household with high speed internet access which is approximately two percent higher than the national average. This translates to increased access by online child sexual predators in the state of Virginia, 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. Many law enforcement agencies are closely evaluating their agency's 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 (VSP) and 64 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 Social Services	State
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	Local
Orange County Sheriff's Office	County
Page County Sheriff's Office	County
Prince William County Police Department	County
Purcellville Police Department	City
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 Middletown Police Department	City
Town of Quantico 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 Office of Inspector General 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. Environmental Protection Agency	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. Department of Transportation - OIG	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. 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:

- On September 13, 2018, VSP Bureau of Criminal Investigation, High Tech Crimes Division, NOVA-DC ICAC and members of the High Tech Crimes Section, assisted The Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) with the execution of a search warrant in Falls Church. The search warrant was obtained in reference to an active investigation regarding the distribution of child pornography. Both agencies had investigators that had downloads from the suspect residence. Once the search warrant was executed and triage complete, it was determined the main suspect was a Falls Church Police Officer. The FBI did not obtain charges for their part of the case; however, HTCD agents obtained charges for his offenses. The suspect was arrested on 10 counts of distribution.
- Also, in September, 2018, a NOVA-DC ICAC task force agent was communicating with an adult male subject who asked for nude images from what he believed to be a 13-year-old female in the city of Harrisonburg. The adult male subject also wanted to meet the minor for the purpose of having sexual relations. During the course of the investigation, it was determined the subject resided in West Virginia. The West Virginia ICAC was notified and the subject was arrested and extradited to Virginia.
- In November, 2018, the NOVA-DC ICAC Task Force, with assistance from the High Tech Crimes Section of the Virginia State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation High Tech Crimes Division,

executed a search warrant in Spotsylvania County reference a child pornography investigation that began from a cyber tip. The suspect was located and interviewed during the execution of the search warrant. Several items were seized as evidence and a polygraph conducted. During the polygraph, the subject stated that he had sexual contact with a minor. He was subsequently arrested and charged.

- In December, 2018, the NOVA-DC ICAC Task Force, with assistance from the High Tech Crimes Section of the Virginia State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation High Tech Crimes Division, executed a search warrant in Madison County reference a child pornography investigation that began from a cyber tip. The suspect was located and arrested during the execution of the search warrant. Several items were seized as evidence and the investigation continues.
- On March 29, VSP Bureau of Criminal Investigation, High Tech Crimes Division, NOVA-DC ICAC and members of the High Tech Crimes Section made contact with an individual in Spotsylvania County. The contact was made in reference to an active investigation regarding the solicitation of a minor. Several items of evidence were seized and the subject provided a confession on making contact with the law enforcement undercover agent. The subject was arrested and charged.
- On May 3, VSP Bureau of Criminal Investigation, High Tech Crimes Division, NOVA-DC ICAC and members of the High Tech Crimes Section executed a search warrant in the city of Manassas. The search warrant was obtained in reference to an active investigation regarding the distribution of child pornography. Several items of evidence were seized and an interview conducted. The subject provided a confession on possessing child pornography as well as having contact with minors. Further investigation uncovered several saved chats with possible minors throughout the US and Canada. Efforts are being made to identify all individuals affected. The subject was arrested and charged.
- On June 28, VSP Bureau of Criminal Investigation, High Tech Crimes Division, NOVA-DC ICAC and members of the High Tech Crimes Section executed a search warrant in Frederick County. The search warrant was obtained in reference to an active investigation regarding the distribution of child pornography. Several items of evidence were seized and an interview conducted. The subject provided a confession on possessing child pornography as well as having sexual contact with a minor. The subject was arrested and charged with 21 separate offenses to include possession, distribution and sexual assault.

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 60 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, 2018 – June 30, 2019

PERSONNEL

Expended: \$693,236

TRAINING/TRAVEL EXPENSES

Expended: \$82,025

EQUIPMENT EXPENSES

Expended: \$472,190

OTHER

Expended: \$54,462

TOTALS

Revenue Received:	\$ 1,420,319
Expended:	\$ 1,301,913
Unexpended:	\$ 118,406

The unexpended funds (\$118,406) result from situations where equipment was ordered but was not received and/or paid for prior to the end of the fiscal cycle. Also, the special agent vacancy from April, 2018 was not filled until December, 2018 leaving the salary and fringe projected for that position unspent for several months. Finally, one VSP special agent was promoted and a systems analyst left the department leaving the salary and fringe for those positions unspent in May and June.

PERSONNEL

As a result of sustained funding support, the NOVA-DC ICAC is able to employ one supervisor, four special agents, one agency lead analyst, and an iCritt systems administrator to complement the two special agents, one program support technician, and two forensic examiners funded through alternate sources. 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 offenders, including technology-facilitated child exploitation offenders.
- Providing advanced capabilities/skills and technical assistance to other 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:

- Cellebrite Certification & Re-certifications
- Computer Forensic Lab Accreditation and membership
- X-Ways training
- National Law Enforcement Training Conference, Atlanta GA
- Dallas CAC Conference & Training
- NW3C Social Networking course
- Reid Interview training
- iCritt training
- Undercover Chat training
- Forensic Explorer software certification
- Magnet Axiom and Axiom Advanced courses
- ICAC Supervisor's training
- Digital Shield assessments and multiple training events
- Advance Digital Forensics training
- Evaluating Risk in On-line Behavior training
- Child Sex Trafficking training
- Various mobile device forensic and investigative trainings
- Various ICAC investigative techniques training

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 require investigators 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, task force 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 ICAC Supervisor's training. 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:

- Dell Server Maintenance
- Griffeye Analyze DI Pro software
- Windows 10 software
- Office for Mac 2016 software
- NUIX renewals
- EnCase renewals
- FEX renewals
- BlackBag renewals
- X-Ways renewal - Lab
- Burner Breaker renewal
- Atola renewal
- Oxygen Detective renewal
- X1 Social Discovery renewal
- Callyo renewal for Metro
- Oxygen Forensic upgrades
- BitDefender renewal
- Whooster renewal
- Spokeo renewal
- Axiom renewal
- RECON Lab renewal
- Parallels renewals
- Cell phones
- RapidSpar renewal
- RECON Triage renewal
- Mobilyze renewal for lab
- RECON Imager for lab
- FTK renewal
- Cellebrite renewal
- XRY renewal
- ADF renewal
- NAS expansion protection plan
- Magnet AXIOM renewals
- Wasp Inventory Control purchase

- ADF new software purchase
- ICAC Branded Promotional items (cups, coloring books, pens, etc.)
- NOVA-DC ICAC Vertical Banners for use at events
- Backpacks
- Streamlight flash lights & chargers
- Sprinter Forensic/Interview Truck
- NOVA-DC ICAC Challenge Coins
- Cables & adapters
- Surge protector power strips
- Dymo Labelmakers & labels
- Digital cameras
- Asus 27" monitors
- Logicube Falcon NEO
- Network Attached Storage (NAS) unit build
- Scanner
- Router for lab
- Dell monitors
- Sandisk storage devices
- Apple TVs
- Printers/toners - support staff
- Replacement processor
- MacBook Pro 15" w/case
- NAS expansion drives
- Air pods
- Hand tools and drills
- Nikon Flash attachments
- BDXL Hard Drives
- Atola unit & software
- Falcon Northwest Mach V computer
- FCI Tableau
- Falcon Northwest Talon laptop
- Sumuri Talino computer
- Surface Pro
- Nikon SLR cameras
- Rimage duplicators
- GrayKey units
- VBS shredder
- Dell Alienware computers
- Mission Darkness BlockBox
- Drobo storage devices and hard drives

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 noted 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)
- Meals Reimbursement
- Phone Reimbursement
- Payroll Service Bureau Yearly Fees
- Anti-Virus Software VITA Fees (for previously purchased software)
- Line of Duty VRS 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, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

The task force experienced a 41% increase in the number of Child Enticement complaints, and 125% and 105% increases in cases submitted for federal prosecution and accepted for federal prosecution, respectively. Further, NOVA-DC ICAC personnel obtained and executed 2,850 federal, state, and local court orders or subpoenas, which is a 30% increase from the previous fiscal year. Additionally, the number of Cybertips received increased from 1,175 to 2,570 this fiscal year; a 119% rise.

The NOVA-DC ICAC personnel routinely support one another in various ways. Such support and collaboration is reflected in a 28% increase in the number of task force affiliate members and other professionals sent to ICAC training. Also, the task force engaged in 168 community outreach events, such as internet safety presentations for schools, churches, and social organizations and public awareness events reaching 14,495 community members which is an 85% increase from the previous fiscal year.

Documented Complaints

Traveler	Proactive	58
	Reactive	20
Enticement	Proactive	48
	Reactive	136
Obscenity Directed to Minors	Proactive	23
	Reactive	126
Child Prostitution	Proactive	11
	Reactive	46
Manufacture Child Pornography	Proactive	35
	Reactive	82
Distribution of Child Pornography	Proactive	107
	Reactive	169
Possession of Child Pornography	Proactive	149
	Reactive	363

Case Information

Case Dispositions	Unfounded	165
	Suspended ¹	27
	Plea	98
	Trial	13
Case Referrals	Federal	36
	State	68
	Local	44
Submitted for Federal Prosecution		64
Accepted for Federal Prosecution		39

<u>Number of Investigations</u>		1,166
<u>Arrests</u>		239
<u>Goals</u>		
Cybertips Received		2,570
CVIP Submissions		43
Affiliated Agencies Added		3
Child Victims Identified		
	CVIP	59
	Cases	27
<u>Court Actions</u>		
Subpoenas or Court Orders		
	Federal	1,037
	State/Local	1,813
Search Warrants		
	Federal	98
	State/Local	552
<u>Technical Assists</u>		
Forensic Previews		1,501
Forensic Exams		1,793
Total Gigabytes Examined		230,338
<u>Training</u>		
Training Sessions Provided		22
Law Enforcement Trained		492
Prosecutors Trained		261
Other Professions Trained		45
Number sent to ICAC Training		35
Number sent to Other Training		217
<u>Community Outreach</u>		
Presentations		76
Number of Attendees		4,362
Public Events		35
Number of Attendees		10,133
Public Awareness		57

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 13 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. 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
- 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 conducted 168 presentations and other community outreach events attended by approximately 14,495 persons reaching 85% more members of the communities the task force serves.

Disbursement of Funds

Budget Category	Budget	Total Expenditures	Unexpended Budget
Program Support Tech	\$50,716	\$48,558	\$2,158
Consultants	\$449,284	\$451,442	\$2,158
Grand Totals	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0

Consultants – This category reflects funding provided directly to local affiliate agencies for capacity building.

Program Support Tech – This category reflects funding provided for the necessary support staff personnel as described in the funding narrative and budget. The unexpended amount in the category was set aside for employee insurance and other fringe costs which were funded with another funding source.

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.

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
- 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
- Purchasing ICAC branded promotional items, such as pencils, pens, and Internet Safety coloring books for use at presentations and community outreach events

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 64 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.