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TO: The Honorable Terrance C. Cole  
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The Honorable L. Louise Lucas  
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The Honorable Luke E. Torian  
Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee

Mr. Michael D. Maul  
Director, Department of Planning and Budget

Pursuant to the 2022 Virginia Appropriation Act, Item 408 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, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

Respectfully,

  
Superintendent

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Enclosure

**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**



**July 15, 2024**

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**REPORT ON THE ACTUAL EXPENDITURES AND  
PERFORMANCE RESULTS ACHIEVED BY  
THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA-DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
ICAC TASK FORCE  
DURING THE TWELTH 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 using 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 prevalent in American life that all communities are impacted by their use. According to the National Center for Educational Statistics Table 702.60 2021, 94.5 percent of individuals in Virginia live in a household with computers and internet access. According to UNICEF, United Nations Children's Fund, 90 percent of the children between the ages of 3 and 18 have smartphones. 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 numerous predators willing to travel great distances and even from other countries to meet children with whom they have developed an online relationship with. The NOVA-DC ICAC region is home to over 4.2 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 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 consists of the Virginia State Police (VSP) and 66 partnering local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies that work to pursue those responsible for these crimes. Except for one federal agency not listed, the following are the participating agencies;

### NOVA-DC ICAC TASK FORCE AFFILIATE AGENCIES

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Type</b>
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 Elkton Police Department	City
Town of Haymarket Police Department	City
Town of Herndon Police Department	City
Town of Front Royal	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. Government Accountability Office - 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 few 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:

- o In February of 2024, Sergeant Ramey, a member of the NOVA/DC Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task force conducted a proactive undercover chat operation on the KIK Application on his issued mobile device. This investigation is about the solicitation of minors in the Warren County/Front Royal area of Virginia. He began a proactive approach to apprehend individuals soliciting underage victims for sexual purposes. This investigation started when an individual began soliciting what he believed was a 14-year-old female from Front Royal, VA for sexual purposes. Throughout the investigation, it was revealed that the username the perpetrator was using had been involved in numerous other ICAC

investigations dating back to 2020. He was able to collaborate with other agencies and gain intelligence for the identification of the perpetrator. Subsequently, on 04/16/2024 a search warrant was served, and they were arrested in West Virginia for three violations of Virginia Code 18.2-374.3 Use of a communications system to facilitate certain offenses involving children. The perpetrator is currently pending trial.

- In January of 2024, Sergeant Ramey, a member of the NOVA/DC Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task force, received a NCMEC (National Center for Missing and Exploited Children) cybertip #183794825. He received this tip through the online ICAC Data Systems (IDS) regarding the possession of CSAM (child sexual abuse material) that was reported online through their web site. Through the course of this investigation, the suspect was searching for and storing CSAM on a cloud-based server using his cellular phone and computer. On 02/22/2024 the Special Operations Team, as well as the Criminal Investigations Division served a search warrant at his residence in Linden, VA, regarding this case. The perpetrator was taken into custody without incident. After his arrest, Sergeant Ramey made contact and advised him about our agency's affiliation with the NOVA/DC ICAC Task Force. He informed him of the preliminary investigation regarding this case and what it was about. He then advised him of his rights prior to questioning in accordance with Miranda v. Arizona Supreme Court of the United States Ruling. The perpetrator acknowledged that he understood his rights and would not answer any questions. A search of electronic devices was done, and CSAM was located on his devices inside his home. He was charged with three counts of violation of Virginia Code § 18.2-374.1:1. Possession, reproduction, distribution, solicitation, and facilitation of child pornography. The Perpetrators case is currently pending trial.
- In April of 2024, VSP Senior Special Agent Chad Morris investigated the sexual extortion and exploitation of 3 known Virginia minors, who were coerced into manufacturing child pornography and engaging in self-harm. Two out-of-state offenders, both identified as active members of an organized and federally recognized hate group, were identified, and prosecuted in Colorado and Tennessee.
- In March of 2024, VSP Senior Special Agent Chad Morris conducted several proactive undercover investigations, one of which identified a Maryland convicted sex offender communicating online in violation of his probation. The offender expressed a strong desire in incest, and he solicited Morris' UC minor for sex, and he was identified and extradited for prosecution in Virginia, removing him from a home in which he lived unsupervised with his minor daughter.
- In January of 2024, Investigator Amanda Himelright with the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Office began working an ICAC case. The case details included over 658 images were saved/downloaded/uploaded. Himelright

made two arrests, The perpetrator, and his girlfriend. The arrests were made on 03/14/2024.

- o In April of 2024, Investigator Amanda Himelright with the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Office began working an ICAC case that was escalated due to involving possible child molestation and online solicitation. On 04/26/2024 Himelright made two arrests, the perpetrator, and his wife. Both parties were charged with bestiality. One was charged with online solicitation and additional charges are pending for rape, forceable sodomy, and child molestation. The other confessed to the incident.

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, 2023 – June 30, 2024**

**PERSONNEL**

Expended: \$775,851.69

**TRAINING/TRAVEL EXPENSES**

Expended: \$11,571.11

**EQUIPMENT EXPENSES**

Expended: \$201,631.53

**OTHER**

Expended: \$32,732.53

**TOTALS**

Revenue Received: \$957,608.78  
Expended: \$1,021,786.90  
Over-expended: \$64,179.12



## **PERSONNEL**

As a result of sustained funding support, the NOVA-DC ICAC is able to employ one supervisor, three special agents, and one agency lead analyst to complement the three special agents, one fiscal 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 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 uniform 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
- NW3C Social Networking course
- Reid Interview training
- Virginia Procurement training
- ICAC Supervisor's 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.

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 their assigned area for follow-up investigative work and court proceedings on child exploitation cases. Travel expenses were supported for the NOVA-DC ICAC regional meetings, human trafficking prevention meetings, and ICAC Operational meetings.

## **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.

Purchases to replace end-of-life equipment was also initiated within this reporting period. Through the appropriated funding, the NOVA-DC ICAC purchased much needed equipment and renewals for member agencies to include the following:

- Dropbox renewal
- Mobile Investigator
- Digital Inspector & Collector
- TLOxp
- Atola

- Oxygen
- Recon
- Resolute
- Graykey
- ADF
- TRADS
- Forensic Examiner
- XRY
- Axiom
- Battery charger/batteries
- Challenge Coins
- Promotional Items
- Cables and peripheral equipment
- MacBooks & AirPods
- Digital external storage
- 1TB flash drives
- Peripheral accessories

## **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 their 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 the significant others stating the need for mandatory mental health check-ins or counseling.

With 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 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

- Payroll Service Bureau Yearly Fees
- Cox Communications (Internet for field offices)
- VITA Service Fees (for air cards, cell phone service, and laptops)
- Line of Duty VRS Fees
- Worker's Compensation Fees
- Liability Insurance 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, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

The ICAC Data System has changed in the aspects of what information will be tracked within our ICAC Task Force Agencies and Affiliates. This came into effect starting January 1, 2024. The information below will be split for this report, we do not foresee this being an issue in the future. The column on the right side is before the system change and is for the first 6 months of the yearly term from July 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023. The column on the right is for the remaining 6 months of the term from January 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024.

Traveler/Citizen complaints have increase by 156% since last report in 2023. Enticement complaints were only tracked for 6 months. Manufacturing, distribution, and possession of child pornography were also only tracked for 6 months due to the ICAC Data System configuration change. The number of cybertips received went from 8,216 to 9,932 this fiscal year at a 21% increase.

The NOVA-DC ICAC personnel routinely support one another in various ways. Such support and collaboration are reflected in the number of task force affiliate members and other professionals sent to ICAC training. The training sessions provided decreased 50% this reporting period. The task force was able to engage in 76 Community outreach events, such as internet safety presentations for schools, churches, and social organizations and public awareness events reaching 6,220 community members, an increase of 55%.

### Documented Complaints – 7/1/23 – 12/31/23

Traveler – 7/1/23 – 12/31/23

Proactive	20
Reactive	5

Enticement

Proactive	22
Reactive	70

Obscenity Directed to Minors

Proactive	16
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### Documented Complaints – 1/1/24 – 6/30/24

Citizen Complaints Received	131
Referrals from other Agencies	87

Manufacture Child Pornography	Proactive	5
	Reactive	78
Distribution of Child Pornography	Proactive	61
	Reactive	223
Possession of Child Pornography	Proactive	42
	Reactive	219

**Case Information – 7/1/23 – 12/31/23**

**Case Information – 1/1/24 – 6/30/24**

Case Dispositions	Unfounded	269	Investigations resulting from complaint received / Cybertips (Reactive)	577
	Suspended	34	Case Information - Investigations - Self Initiated Investigations (proactive)	107
	Plea	23	Case Information - Arrests - Total number of Arrests	144
	Trial	12	Case Information - Arrests - Number of Arrests of Hands-on Offenders	18
Case Referrals			Case Information - Case Referrals Made - State/Local	3061
	Federal	41	Case Information - Case Referrals Made - Federal	22
	State	16	Case Information - Evidence - Number of Investigations that need evidence processed	283
	Local	4034	Case Information - Evidence - CVIP Submissions (Cases)	39
Submitted for Federal Prosecution		22		
Accepted for Federal Prosecution		11		

**Number of Investigations – 7/1/23 – 12/31/23**

**Number of Investigations – 1/1/24 – 6/30/24**

<b><u>Arrests</u></b>		147	<b><u>Victims</u></b>	
			Child Victims Rescued from on-going Abuse	34
<b><u>Goals</u></b>			Newly Identified Child Victims with images	47
Cybertips Received		6128	Newly Identified Child Victims without images	21
CVIP Submissions		43		
Affiliated Agencies Added		2		
Child Victims Identified		52		
	With Images	39		
	Without Images	13		

**Court Actions – 7/1/23 – 12/31/23**

**Court Actions – 1/1/24 – 6/30/24**

Subpoenas or Court Orders			<b><u>Prosecutions</u></b>	
	Federal	1031	Submitted for State/Local Prosecution	129
	State/Local	819	Submitted for Federal Prosecution	10
Search Warrants			Accepted for State/Local Prosecution	80

	Federal	100	Accepted for Federal Prosecution	9
	State/Local	395		
<b><u>Technical Assists</u></b>			<b><u>Subpoenas</u></b>	
Forensic Previews		233	Subpoenas or Court Orders - State/Local	974
Forensic Exams		341	Subpoenas or Court Orders - Federal	128
Total Gigabytes Examined		97,853		
			<b><u>Search Warrants</u></b>	
			Search Warrants - State/Local	465
			Search Warrants - Federal	33
<b><u>Training – 7/1/23 – 12/31/23</u></b>			<b><u>Digital Forensics – 1/1/24 – 6/30/24</u></b>	
Training Sessions Provided	15		On-scene examinations conducted	44
Law Enforcement Trained	403		# of Forensic examinations on Computers	74
Prosecutors Trained	100		# of Forensic examinations on Cell Phones/Tablets	513
Other Professions Trained	101		# of Forensic examinations on Other Digital Storage Devices	159
Number sent to ICAC Training	51		Estimated Number of Gigabytes Examined	243,987
Number sent to Other Training	21			
<b><u>Community Outreach – 7/1/23 – 12/31/23</u></b>			<b><u>Training – 7/1/23 – 12/31/23</u></b>	
			Training Events Conducted by ICAC Task Forces/Affiliates	9
Presentations	44		# Sent to Training conducted by ICAC Task Forces	9
Number of Attendees	2892		# Sent to ICAC T&TA Training Conducted by OJJDP Funded Providers	27
Public Events	14		# Sent to Other Training	25
Number of Attendees	1167		Law Enforcement Trained	232
Public Awareness	10		Prosecutors Trained	24
			Other Professions Trained / Unknown	63
			<b><u>Community Outreach – 7/1/23 – 12/31/23</u></b>	
			Presentations	83
			Estimated number of attendees at Presentations	2161
			Diversion Activities	3
			Estimated number of participants at diversion activities	0
			Public Events	11
			Other Outreach Activities (Public Service Announcement, Billboard, Media Interviews, social media)	32

### **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 12 - 14 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:

- Several investigators attended Northern Virginia Sex Crime Investigators Conference.
- Many Task Force Members attended National LE Training on Child Exploitation (NLETCE)
- 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 76 presentations and other community outreach events attended by approximately 6,220 persons.

#### Disbursement of Funds

Budget Category	Budget	Total Expenditures	Unexpended Budget
Support Staff	\$62,000	\$62,000	0
Consultants	\$542,210	\$542,210	0
<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>\$604,210</b>	<b>\$604,210</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Consultants** – This category reflects funding provided directly to local affiliate agencies for capacity building. Many affiliates have as in the past utilized their funding to send investigators to the Department of Justice Law Enforcement Training Conference in Atlanta and The Dallas Crimes Against Children Conference.

**Support Staff** – This category reflects funding provided for the necessary support staff personnel as described in the funding narrative and budget.

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 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

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. A number of our valued affiliates use this allocated fund to pay for travel and training expenses for their investigators.

All of these agencies work very closely with the task force to ensure that all expenditures are consistent with the goals and objectives of the 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 66 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.**