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TO: The Honorable Marcus R. Anderson
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The Honorable Luke E. Torian
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Mr. Michael D. Maul
Director, Department of Planning and Budget

Pursuant to the Item 394 H.2 of Chapter 725 of the 2025 Acts of Assembly, 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, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

Respectfully,

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**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
and Appropriations Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the
Director of the Department of Planning and Budget**



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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 FIFTEENTH YEAR

OVERVIEW OF THE TASK FORCE

The Northern Virginia–District of Columbia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (NOVA-DC ICAC) is dedicated to investigating and preventing crimes against children that are committed or facilitated through the use of technology. Coordinated by the Virginia State Police, NOVA-DC ICAC operates in partnership with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies throughout the Northern Virginia region. Together, these agencies work collaboratively to investigate internet-based child exploitation and to protect children from online predators. According to UNICEF, United Nations Children's Fund, 93% of children live in households with a smartphone, 68% of 10- to 11-year-olds have their own phone, and 40% of 6- to 9-year-olds have their own phone. Also, 93% of children use smartphones for accessing the internet and 88% of children use smartphones for viewing content. This connectivity results in increased access by online child sexual predators in the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the United States, and globally to potential child victims. 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, nationally and internationally, to meet children with whom they have developed an online relationship. The NOVA-DC ICAC region is home to over 4.2 million residents. Law enforcement is greatly outnumbered when it comes to investigating dangerous crimes against children perpetrated virtually. Many law enforcement agencies are closely evaluating their agencies' investigative and personnel priorities; however, NOVA-DC ICAC affiliate law enforcement agencies continue to keep ICAC investigations a priority thanks 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.

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's 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	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 new 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 children from those who seek to exploit their innocence. Their teamwork and unified mission results in numerous successful cases that represent volumes of complex and noteworthy criminal investigations 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 to providing collateral support to the 60 other task forces nationwide. As such, special training and equipment are continually necessary 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, 2024 – June 30, 2025

PERSONNEL

Expended: \$864,684.28

TRAINING/TRAVEL EXPENSES

Expended: \$31,220.84

EQUIPMENT EXPENSES

Expended: \$125,475.39

OTHER

Expended: \$12,259.78

TOTALS

Revenue Received: \$951,857.87

Expended: \$1,033,640,.29

PERSONNEL

As a result of sustained funding, the NOVA-DC ICAC employs one Virginia State Police (VSP) supervisor, three VSP special agents, and one VSP lead analyst. One VSP fiscal technician, and two VSP forensic examiners are funded through alternate sources. This funding also provided overtime pay for personnel to work proactive 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 benefit 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 sexual abuse material with a goal to reduce child victimization through the identification, apprehension and prosecution of child sexual predators.

TRAINING

Upon joining the 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 perpetrators of internet crimes against children, 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 investigation, 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 of Virginia.
- 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-certification
- 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

To build a robust investigative foundation, it is essential that the NOVA-DC ICAC supports affiliate agencies with authorized travel-related expenses. Such expenses involve support for eligible transportation, meals and lodging for personnel attending specialized training and operational meetings. NOVA-DC ICAC personnel also travel to conduct field work and ICAC proactive and reactive investigations, which often require investigators to work lengthy hours.

Through the appropriated funding, task force personnel participated in proactive 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:

- Digital Forensic Software – (Cellebrite, Magnet Axion, ADF, Oxygen) for the purpose of recovering or locating digital evidence contained on electronic devices
- Forensic Computers and Peripheral Equipment – powerful computers with high processing power are required to perform analysis of large data sets, accessories to aid investigators and forensic examiners in locating and analyzing evidence
- Promotional Items – provided during public events and community presentations to further the mission of ICAC

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; 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 task force was also able to procure or provide the following:

- Undercover and Investigative Internet Services – used during investigations to reach websites or platforms inaccessible by State provided Internet
- Miscellaneous Personnel Fees – full-time investigators and support personnel fees are funded through this source

- ICAC Specialty Vehicle Maintenance – NOVA-DC ICAC maintains three specialty vehicles for use in investigations and public events
- Office Supplies – a variety of office supplies, batteries, printer ink are funded through this source to present evidence or interview witnesses and victims

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, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

The total number of Cybertips received by NOVA-DC ICAC increased from 9,932 to 10,219, or +3%. Investigators reported 362 arrests, including thirty-seven identified as hands-on offenders. Twenty child victims were rescued from on-going abuse along with 225 newly identified child victims.

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 task force was able to engage in 109 community outreach events, such as internet safety presentations for schools, churches, social organizations and public awareness events.

<u>Documented Complaints</u>		
Citizen Complaints Received		488
Referrals Received		224
<u>Case Information</u>		
Investigations:	Complaints Received/Cybertips (Reactive)	1,403
	Self-Initiated Investigations (Proactive)	197
Case Referrals:		
	Federal	50
	State	5,966
Submitted for Federal Prosecution		42
Accepted for Federal Prosecution		29
Submitted for State Prosecution		257
Accepted for State Prosecution		217
<u>Number of Investigations</u>		1,600
<u>Arrests</u>		362
<u>Goals</u>		
Cybertips Received		10,219
CVIP Submissions		36
Child Victims Identified/Rescued		
	With Images	163
	Without Images	62
	Rescued from on-going Abuse	20
<u>Court Actions</u>		
Subpoenas or Court Orders		
	Federal	946
	State	1,906
Search Warrants		
	Federal	332
	State	1,012
<u>Technical Assists</u>		

Forensic Previews		347
Forensic Exams		1,831
Total Gigabytes Examined		583,169
<u>Training</u>		
Training Sessions Provided		23
Law Enforcement Trained		918
Prosecutors Trained		215
Other Professions Trained		114
Number sent to ICAC Training		62
Number sent to Other Training		59
<u>Community Outreach</u>		
Presentations		109
Number of Attendees		5,131
Public Events		13
Public Awareness		25

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. Reporting to the Department of Criminal Justice Services is mandated. The task force's metrics are denoted on pages 10 - 11 of this report and are consistent with the time 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 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:

- 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 62 presentations and other community outreach events attended by approximately 2,043 people.

Disbursement of Funds

Budget Category	Budget	Total Expenditures	Unexpended Budget
Support Staff	\$ 62,000.00	\$57,788.11	\$ 4,211.89
Local Law Enforcement Agencies	\$ 542,210.00	\$ 438,234.60	\$ 108,187.29
Grand Totals	\$ 604,210.00	\$ 496,022.71	\$ 112,399.18

- Local Law Enforcement Agencies – This category reflects funding provided directly to local affiliate agencies for capacity building. Many affiliates have utilized their funding to send investigators to the Department of Justice’s Law Enforcement Training Conference in Atlanta and the Crimes Against Children Conference in Dallas.
- Support Staff – This category reflects funding provided for the necessary support staff 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 expand 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:

- Salary reimbursement - for full-time investigators or overtime resulting from investigations
- Digital Forensic Computers, Software and Hardware – used to locate, preserve or recover digital evidence during investigations
- Training – to include related travel costs

Each agency is staffed and equipped differently, which validates the methodology employed by the NOVA-DC ICAC Task Force. Distribution of funding directly to the affiliates empowers them to make decisions that directly impact their unique ability to engage in these complex investigations. Several of our valued affiliates use this allocated funding to pay for travel and training expenses for their investigators.

All 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 these participating agencies. Collectively, we are proactive in our pursuit of those who prey upon children, while simultaneously striving to prevent future and further child victimization through collaboration, training, community outreach, and proactive enforcement.