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**READOUT OF PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL  
KATHARINE T. SULLIVAN'S APPEARANCE AT THE  
INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN  
TASK FORCE COMMANDERS MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2019**

ARLINGTON, VA – Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Katharine T. Sullivan today addressed a group of state and local law enforcement investigators, prosecutors and digital forensic examiners during the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Commanders meeting. Staff of OJP's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and several training and technical providers also attended the gathering.

OJJDP supports a national network of 61 multiagency, multijurisdictional ICAC task forces that conduct forensic examinations and investigate and prosecute technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation. The task forces arrested nearly 1,700 suspected child predators during a two-month nationwide operation this spring.

PDAAG Sullivan told the audience that OJJDP is making \$29.7 million available this year to support task force operations and is providing additional funding for training. Resources are also facilitating coordination between the task forces and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's CyberTipline, which took more than 18.4 million reports of suspected child sexual exploitation last year. ICAC task forces received 88 percent of all domestic CyberTips that were sent to U.S. law enforcement in 2018.

PDAAG Sullivan underscored the importance of the ICAC Task Force program to the Justice Department's public safety mission and lauded task force commanders and partners for their commitment to protecting children. She told the group that Attorney General Barr cares deeply about the safety of America's children and will do whatever it takes to make sure investigators, prosecutors and forensic analysts have what they need to root out child exploitation and bring predators to justice.

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