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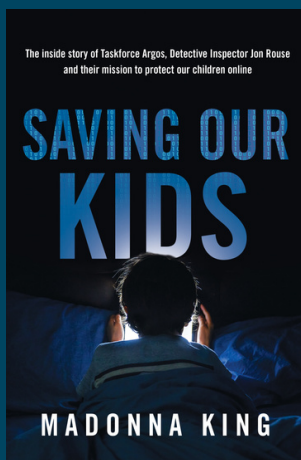
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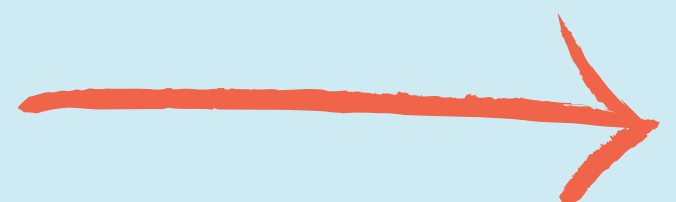
Images and videos of child sexual abuse are crime scenes.

No borders exist in this crime.

That's why the role of law enforcement is so important.



Read 'Saving Our Kids' by Madonna King to follow the journey of Taskforce Argos and law enforcement in the fight against CSE.



Law enforcement have a confronting and difficult role in fighting against child sexual exploitation.

Madonna King's book 'Saving our Kids' shares the story of internationally renowned Taskforce Argos, the Queensland Police team dedicated to the fight against child sexual abuse facilitated online.



ICMEC Australia Non-Executive Director Jon Rouse APM is highly regarded as Australia's, and one of the world's, leading online child sexual abuse investigator.

His dedication over a three decade-long career has saved hundreds of children from harm and abuse.

The fight against online child sexual exploitation is ongoing and difficult. As Jon observes;

“It's time for the world to get together and say enough.”



“I think that Taskforce Argos is probably the best child exploitation investigations unit in the world.”

Jim Cole, US Department of Homeland Security



CSE is an insidious crime that presents difficulties in detection for police.

The development of the metaverse and artificial intelligence has complicated an already complex crime.

“The ability to determine whether or not an image is 100 percent real, the ability to hide identities and to make people think that images are other people...that’s **going to be a big problem.**”

World-renowned leader in victim-identification, Paul Griffiths in ‘Saving Our Kids’



ICMEC Australia's Head of Data Products, Warren Bulmer, is one of few global specialists in fighting online child sexual abuse.

Collaboration and cross-industry communication is absolutely critical to making sure more children are saved.

“Law enforcement agencies are sitting on a mountain of data, only some of which is used in prosecutions.”

Warren Bulmer in 'Saving Our Kids'



“The number of offenders who are caught is important, but my real KPI is **the rescue of a child.**”

Jon Rouse APM in ‘Saving Our Kids’



Law enforcement agencies are the last line of defense when it comes to saving children from abuse and exploitation, pulling all the puzzle pieces together.

But no one entity can do it alone.

It requires collaboration from financial institutions, online platforms, regulators and government to ensure that children are protected.





If you want to learn more about the complex response to online child sexual exploitation and how your organisation can help protect children, **get involved with ICMEC Australia.**



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