Truckers Against Trafficking

Prevention and Intervention: Combating Human Trafficking Through the Trucking Industry
What is Human Trafficking?

The exploitation of human beings through force, fraud or coercion, for the purpose of commercial sex or forced labor, when a third party is making a profit.

It is modern day slavery.

SOURCE: International Labor Organization
Sex trafficking is **forced prostitution**. Any minor engaged in commercial sex is a victim of sex trafficking.

Any adult who is selling sex under someone else’s control (i.e., a pimp), is a victim of sex trafficking, no matter their age.
• Nearly every country is involved in the web of human trafficking activities.
Means Traffickers Use

- Force
- Fraud
- Coercion
Smuggling vs. Trafficking

Crime against a BORDER vs. Crime against a PERSON
Myth #1: We live in a slave free world
There are 40 million victims of human trafficking globally.

SOURCE:
International Labor Organization
Scope of Trafficking

Human trafficking is a $150 billion industry.

SOURCE: International Labor Organization
Scope of Trafficking

Human trafficking happens in all 50 states, including D.C.

SOURCE:
National Human Trafficking Resource Center
Scope of Trafficking

1 in 6 runaways are at risk of being trafficked.

SOURCE:
National Center for Missing and Exploited Children
Scope of Trafficking

A victim may be forced to have sex up to 20 times a day.

SOURCE: Polaris
Typical Venues for Trafficking
Myth #2: All traffickers look like TV pimps
Human Traffickers in the News

Five arrested on suspicion of running sex trafficking ring
Five people were arrested on suspicion of running a San Gabriel Valley-based sex trafficking ring that operated from San Diego to Fresno, authorities said Tuesday. LATIMES.COM | BY LOS ANGELES TIMES

Deyanii Khobragade, India's deputy consul general, has been accused of underpaying a domestic worker she brought to the US from India. Photo: Reuters

2 men charged with sex trafficking, assault
Two men, one from Montgomery County and one from Chester County, face sex trafficking, child pornography, and sex assault charges, officials say. BABC.COM

Four charged in prostitution 'sting' at Bend hotels
Four people were arrested on Thursday in a sting operation targeting prostitution at several Bend hotels, with police saying one 19-year-old woman had been a victim of sex trafficking since she was 13. KTVZ.COM | BY KTVZ

Former Everett firefighter gets 15 years for sex trafficking | HeraldNet.com

Army veteran convicted for running North Carolina sex trafficking organization

MEXIA TEACHER CHARGED WITH HUMAN TRAFFICKING

AMBER PARKER
“There’s no better feeling in the world for me than turning a girl into a prostitute. It’s a special feeling that very few ever get to experience. The satisfaction comes from knowing that if you walked up to her the first time you met her and told her what your plan was, she’d run the other way. But through some sweet talkin’ and careful planning and execution, this girl is about to go sleep with dudes for money and bring it to you. It’s a great feeling.”
Annika
Beth
The Perfect Storm
Myth #3: It doesn’t happen in my hometown

FBI rescues 149 children, arrests 153 in operation targeting sex-traffickers

9 children rescued in Nevada in FBI human trafficking bust

23 arrests in Toledo during national child sex trafficking sting

Police: 42 men arrested in Little Rock during 2 prostitution stings

286 arrested in Los Angeles County human trafficking sweep

42 in Iowa, Nebraska arrested in human trafficking sting
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Law Enforcement Arrest 6 WV Men in Prostitution Sting

Posted: Aug 31, 2016 1:47 PM MDT
Updated: Sep 14, 2016 1:49 PM MDT
Iowa Man Convicted of Human Trafficking, Sold Teens In Prostitution

Des Moines identified as top 100 human trafficking site

IOWA’S HUMAN TRADE: Investigating and preventing human trafficking

Human Trafficking Is An Iowa Issue

Iowa teens talk human trafficking

Iowa survivor of human trafficking speaks out
Two kidnapping suspects identified; report reveals alleged victim subjected to physical, sexual abuse

By Alan Chamberlain | January 8, 2015 1:46 pm
TAT’s Mission

Truckers Against Trafficking’s Mission

Professional Truck Drivers:
• Are trained to be vigilant and observant
• Intersect with victims at:
  Truck stops/parking lots
  Rest areas
  Places of business
  City streets
  hotels/motels
  Bus terminals
• Are the eyes and ears out on the road
Wallet Card

National Hotline: 1-888-3737-888 (Multi-Lingual)
1-800-222-TIPS (Canada)
Text INFO or HELP to BeFree (233733)
Report by Email: nhtrc@PolarisProject.org

Warning: Please do not approach traffickers. Call the hotline, and if instructed, the local police (911). Allow law enforcement to deal with traffickers and rescue victims. Approaching traffickers is not only dangerous for you and their victims but could lead to problems in the eventual prosecution of traffickers. Also, if at a truck stop/travel plaza, please notify the manager-on-duty of the suspicious activity; she/he needs to be aware of what is taking place on the lot and assist in ending it.

If you have seen the TAT Training DVD and reviewed this wallet card, please register as TAT Trained at http://tat8.nodejitsu.com.
Human trafficking is modern-day slavery. Traffickers use force, fraud and coercion to control their victims. Any minor engaged in commercial sex is a victim of human trafficking. While the initial purchase of victims may occur online, the real-time sale of victims can happen in many locations, including truck stops, restaurants, rest areas, hotels/motels, strip clubs, private homes, etc. Truckers are the eyes and the ears of our nation’s highways. If you see a minor working any of those areas or suspect that the person selling sex is under someone else’s control in order to make a quota, call the National Hotline and report your tip:

1-888-3737-888 (US) ■ 1-800-222-TIPS (Canada) ■ 01800-5533-000 (Mexico) ■ Text INFO or HELP to BeFree (233733)

For law enforcement to open an investigation on your tip, they need “actionable information.” This would include:

- Descriptions of cars (make, model, color, license plate number, etc.) and people (height, weight, hair color, eye color, age, etc.) Take a picture if you can.
- Specific times and dates (When did you see the event in question take place? What day was it?)
- Addresses and locations where suspicious activity took place

Questions to Ask:
- Do you keep your own money? If not, who does?
- Do your parents/siblings/relatives know where you are? If not, why not?
- When was the last time you saw your family?
- Are you physically or sexually abused? Are you or your family threatened?
- What is the nature of the threats?

Trafficking Red Flags to Look For:
- Lack of knowledge of their whereabouts; not in control of ID/passport
- Restricted or controlled communication – not allowed to speak for self
- CB chatter about “commercial company” or flashing lights signaling “buyer” location
- Acknowledgement of a pimp and making a quota
- Signs of branding or tattooing of trafficker’s name (often on the neck)
- A van or RV that seems out of place out by trucks; a vehicle dropping someone off at a truck and picking them up 15-20 minutes later
Window Decal

Do You Need Help?
TEXT 233733 (BE FREE)
1-888-3737-888 (US)
The Iowa MVE Model

Help us mobilize trucking to combat human trafficking.
IA MVE States

States that have adopted the IA MVE model in whole: 4
Adopted in part: 31
Mandating TAT training for entry level CDL holders:

- WA
- IA
- OH
- MI
TAT Trained Implementation for CDL Holders

- **Washington**
  - Department of Licensing
  - CDL Schools

- **Colorado**
  - Legislation
  - CDL Schools

- **Kansas**
  - Legislation
  - Class A, B, and C

- **Illinois**
  - Secretary of State
  - CDL Schools

- **Ohio**
  - Department of Public Safety
  - CDL Schools

- **Arkansas**
  - Legislation
  - CDL Schools

- **Texas**
  - Legislation
  - CDL Schools

- **Oklahoma**
  - Legislation
  - CDL Schools

**Truckers Against Trafficking**
Freedom Driver’s Project

Educating audiences all around the country about the realities of domestic sex trafficking and how one industry is really driving change in this area.
TAT BY THE NUMBERS

2,221+ CALLS MADE TO THE NATIONAL HOTLINE BY TRUCKERS ALONE

606 LIKELY HUMAN TRAFFICKING CASES IDENTIFIED

ININVOLVING 1,123 TRAFFICKING VICTIMS

2017 Almost half of the cases generated by truckers

48.5% involved minors

622,050+ TAT TRAINED PERSONS

Clearly this partnership with TAT and Polaris is working well, and it is showing the critical role that truckers play.

- Bradley Myles, CEO, Polaris
Making an Impact

Kevin Kimmel
Red Flags

Lack of knowledge of where they are going.

Not in control of their own ID or passport.

Does not know who purchased their airline ticket.

Restricted or controlled communication.

Inability to use restroom facility.

An individual who claims to be held against their will.

Disheveled appearance, agitated, scared, crying.

Showing signs of physical abuse such as bruising.

Signs of branding or tattooing, trafficker name on neck.

Inappropriate clothing for location.

Conversation of traveling to obtain with no specifics.
Victim Issues

➢ Not self identify
➢ Behaviorally dependent on trafficker
➢ Lie or use rehearsed stories
➢ Cultural or religious background
➢ Fears about law enforcement
Questions to ask a Potential Trafficking Victim

• Does anyone control you or tell you what to do?
• What is your relationship to this person?
• Are your calls, texts, emails, or other conversations ever restricted or monitored?
• Do you have access to your ID or other personal documents?
• Do you get to keep the money you earn or does someone else take all or part of it?

Source: Polaris Project
Questions to ask a Potential Trafficking Victim

- Do you have access to money?
- Has your experience met your expectations or what you were promised?
- What would happen if you didn’t do what this person said?
- What would happen if you left this situation or person?
Questions to ask a Potential Trafficking Victim

- Do you want out?
- If we could provide you with a safe place to escape to, would you like that today?
- When was the last time you saw your family?
- Does your family know where you are?
Get involved

- Make human trafficking a priority
- Provide training for all
- Use victim-centered approach
Contact

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