

# COALITION BUILD IMPACT REPORT



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Human trafficking doesn't always involve the transportation of victims, but when it does, it creates a vital role for members of the truck and bus industries, as well as related transportation industries, to combat it. Because traffickers look for opportunities to exploit victims for profit, it's imperative that members of these industries receive training on what constitutes human trafficking, the crime's red flag indicators and how to effectively, and immediately, report it to law enforcement.

On Feb. 7, TAT teamed up with the Indiana Motor Truck Association, the Indiana Office of the Attorney General and the Indiana State Police to bring together key industry stakeholders in the trucking, truck stop and bus industries, along with local and state law enforcement, for a Coalition Build (CB). At the event, TAT provided targeted action steps for all attendees to use within their companies and agencies, as well as free training materials for industry members and law enforcement. Ultimately, TAT CBs seek to aid in the recovery of victims by closing loopholes to traffickers who exploit not only victims, but also legitimate businesses. By positioning itself alongside industry and training the law enforcement personnel who first arrive on the scene, TAT has seen a much more coordinated approach in combating this crime at a local and state level.

## **OUTCOMES**

- Indianapolis Metro Police Department will use TAT's law enforcement human trafficking training video in their 2022 inservice to 1.300 officers.
- The Indiana Department of Education will be incorporating the Busing On The Lookout (BOTL) school transportation video for their Entry Level Driver Training for all new drivers, training about 1,500 new drivers each year.
- The Indiana Department of Education will include BOTL in their mandated annual driver recertification class for all 15,000+ drivers statewide.
- The Indiana Motor Truck Association will push legislation for required anti-human trafficking training at the CDL school level.
- Kokomo City Transit has pledged to train all their bus drivers.
- Guardian Relocation, a multi-state moving service, has pledged to train their drivers at all their Indiana terminals.
- The Indiana Motor Truck Association will play TAT's driver training video to all safety managers during their 2022 meetings.
- Kokomo City Transit is interested in hanging victim-centered posters at their locations.
- Indiana Trafficking Victim Assistance Program (ITVAP) Region 5 will be passing out TAT and BOTL resources and information as they conduct human trafficking training for their community partners.

# **LOOKING AHEAD**

Gary Langston, president of the Indiana Motor Truck Association, recently spoke on a bill supporting anti-human trafficking efforts and future hopes of state legislation requiring human trafficking awareness training at the CDL school level.

"I appreciate everything you and your organization are doing to help in this area. I am confident you are making a positive impact in many lives."

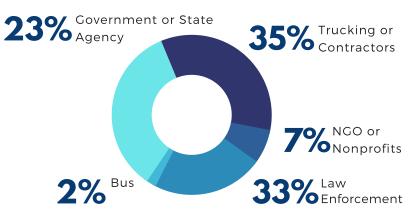
- Lieutenant, Indianapolis Metropolitan PD Training Academy







#### **ATTENDEES**



"I believe the strongest defense against this is to make sure our frontline workers (drivers), as well as our law enforcement personnel, are versed in human trafficking and have the necessary resources to address the issue."

- Kokomo City Transit Manager

"I think the program was well developed and presented."

- Indiana State Police



# **SEEING RESULTS**

"Thank you to all who put this together. It's been informative and instructional. I'll be sure to relay this information to my leadership and team for next steps. I appreciate you."

- IndyGo (Indianapolis Public Transit)

## **IMPACT BY NUMBERS**

- 100% of respondents said presenters were knowledgeable and approachable.
- **85**% of respondents said hearing the survivor speak was powerful.
- 100% of respondents said they would recommend attending a briefing like this to others in their field.
- 80% of respondents said they know what next steps to take in order to combat human trafficking.

