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HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE NEWS

Rhode Island and Massachusetts cleaning company sentenced over forced labor, failure to pay minimum wage and overtime

Fall River — An East Providence cleaning company has been sentenced after pleading guilty Friday in Fall River Superior Court. Martins Maintenance Inc. was indicted in 2018 on charges of Trafficking of Persons for Forced Service, Failure to Pay Minimum Wage, and Failure to Pay Overtime. [Click here](#) to read more.

Yarmouth doctor accused of sex trafficking and running illicit massage business

A Yarmouth doctor has been charged with sex trafficking for allegedly running an illicit massage business that served as a front for prostitution, according to police. Peter O'Donnell, 68, was arrested Thursday after police executed search warrants at 475 U.S. Route 1 in Freeport, and a medical office at 60 Forest Hills Drive in Yarmouth. [Click here](#) to read more.

Hiding in plain sight: labor trafficking in South Dakota

Sioux Falls, S.D. (Dakota News Now) - While there have been conversations in our area about concerns over sex trafficking, there is another type of human trafficking that is also a growing concern, and that is labor trafficking. "It could be the person who's your next-door neighbor. It could be someone you run into at the grocery store," said Call to Freedom Bilingual Case Manager Brandon Lainez. [Click here](#) to read more.

TAT presents at national pupil transportation conference

Lexi Higgins, TAT Industry Engagement director, presented at the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services (NASDPTS) Annual Conference in Arlington, VA on Nov. 18. The conference convenes state pupil transportation directors and other industry leaders for four days of learning and networking, focused on the latest information about and for



the school transportation industry. Higgins presented during the conference's Association Updates session, alongside Dan Kobussen, National School Transportation Association president, and Molly McGee-Hewitt, National Association for Pupil Transportation executive director.

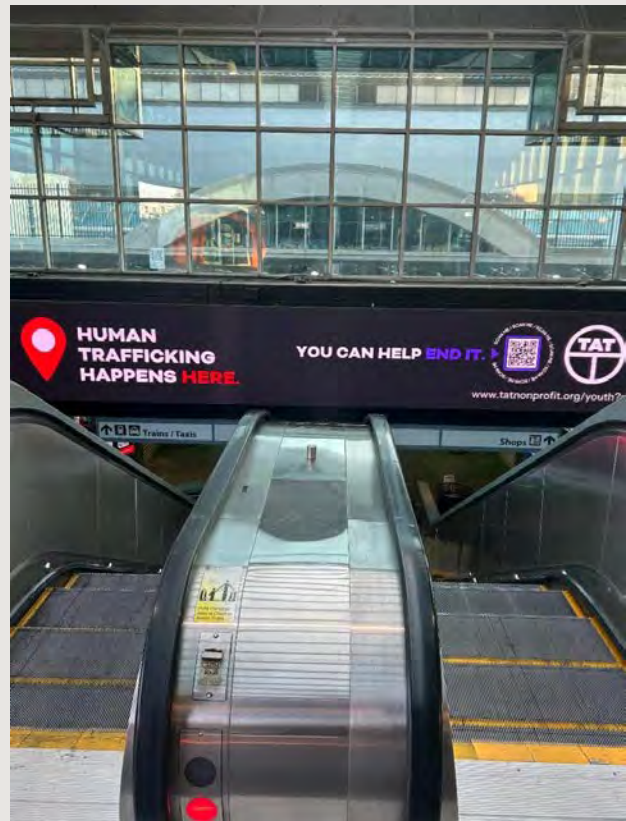
TAT Director of Industry Engagement Lexi Higgins; photo courtesy of School Bus Fleet

"Every year, this conference opens doors that broadens the reach of TAT's school transportation program in significant ways," said Higgins. "State pupil transportation directors are important conduits to school transportation stakeholders in their home states, and this conference brings them all together in one room. I am so grateful to NASDPTS for their continued support of TAT's mission."

To date, TAT has partnered with 26 state directors of pupil transportation, 11 of whom have taken steps to implement TAT training statewide for all school transportation employees. These states include Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky and Tennessee.

Youth on Transportation displayed at Union Station in D.C.

While visiting the D.C. Metro area, Higgins also took time to stop by the Union Station bus facility, which is the first transit partner to display TAT's youth awareness campaign on public displays. This campaign is part of TAT's Youth on Transportation (YOT) initiative, which seeks to unite transportation stakeholders to protect youth from trafficking and exploitation as they move throughout their days. The Union Station Parking Garage and Bus Facility committed to displaying the campaign after TAT hosted its first YOT Coalition Build in Washington, D.C. last November.



TAT's Youth on Transportation (YOT) awareness campaign is prominently displayed at the D.C. Union Station bus facility, TAT's first transit partner to put the



WIT Accelerate! Conference continues to inspire attendees to fight human trafficking

At the Women in Trucking (WIT) Accelerate! Conference Nov. 9-12, TAT had the opportunity to connect with women and spread awareness on how the trucking industry is combating human trafficking. Survivor Leader/TAT Training Specialist Kelley Alsobrook and Director of Industry Training Heather Fry presented to a standing-room-only packed room, which highlights TAT's growing visibility within this industry sector. Alsobrook shared her lived-experience as a survivor of sex trafficking, and Fry spoke of giving the audience hope in the midst of a difficult topic, stating that TAT's program is working, and the trucking industry has the power to make a difference in the lives of victims of human trafficking.

Reflecting on this breakout session, Rachel Ellenberger from the North American Council for Freight Efficiency (NACFE) commented, "The presentation was emotionally raw, but in a way that wasn't for the shock value; it was to show the reality and severity. Heather did a fabulous job speaking, and Kelley was a fantastic speaker, and I greatly admire her bravery in sharing her story. It is so important for TAT to show up at events like this because this is such a pervasive issue that is very easy to overlook if you're not focusing on it."

Lisa Kroger of Great West Casualty added, "I went to TAT's presentation at WIT, and it's so wonderful to hear, not only the stories of those that shared their experiences, but just to get to know the people that are also helping in that organization. It really is a tribe that is making a difference for all of us."



The TAT team at WIT included (L to R) Director of Industry Engagement Heather Fry, Training Specialist/Survivor Leader Kelley Alsobrook, Freedom Drivers Project Director Brandy Belton and Industry Training Program Specialist Chris Moreno.



Brandy Belton reported that 531 people toured the FDP as part of the Truck & Technology Tour, and Fry and Industry Training Program Specialist Chris Moreno manned a table and talked to hundreds of people on how their companies can get involved. The TAT team noted that, compared to last year, many people came to the booth and FDP aware of the work that TAT is doing and already engaged through their companies' initiatives with TAT.

Training Specialist/Survivor Leader Kelley Alsobrook provided the WIT audience insight into human trafficking from a survivor's point of view.

Do you realize the connection between your support and TAT's results?

When we give an award to a truck stop employee who helps rescue a victim from her trafficker, it's you who provided him with the training that made that possible. When we report on a law enforcement officer who recognized a possible human trafficking situation when he pulled someone over on a routine traffic stop, it's you who made his training possible. When a government agency or organization not only trains their employees with TAT materials but then makes fighting human trafficking part of their corporate DNA and works to influence others like them, it's you who provided that motivation. When a transit, waste management or local delivery driver protects a trafficking victim and makes her escape possible, it's you who put the wallet card, the app, the video before that person.

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We have a \$250,000 matching grant from Berger North that's good through Dec. 31. Please double your end-of-year giving by [helping us make that match](#). Your gift makes a tangible difference in the lives of trafficking victims!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec. 3** – Junction Briefing, Commerce City, CO
- Dec. 3** – Northbridge Insurance webinar, virtual
- Dec. 5** – New Orleans Coalition Build, New Orleans, LA



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