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### **HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE NEWS**

**NEPA Task Force Against Human Trafficking event draws** 180 professionals from 10county region

Tunkhannock — More than 180 professionals and leaders from a 10-county region of Northeast Pennsylvania gathered here recently at Stone Hedge Golf Course for the annual NEPA Task Force Against Human Trafficking's regional training program. Click here to read more.

How trucking can combat human trafficking in 2025

As truck drivers transport goods across the U.S., spending hours upon hours on highways and at truck stops, they're uniquely positioned to witness, help, and report human trafficking. This is why the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance and TAT, a nonprofit focused on educating the transportation industry about County Sheriff's Office. Click human trafficking, host the **Human Trafficking Awareness** Initiative annually in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico. Click here to read more.

Southern California woman accused of operating brothels disguised as skin care spas

A Southern California woman was arrested for allegedly operating brothels at the skin care spas she owned in Ventura and Orange counties. The suspect was identified as Amanda Xia, 44, from Yorba Linda, according to the Ventura here to read more.

#### What are you doing for National Human Trafficking Prevention Month?

If you're in the U.S. and haven't added an anti-trafficking educational or awareness event to your January calendar, there's still time. National Human Trafficking Prevention Month (NHTPM) is a specific time set aside by presidential proclamation for everyone to educate themselves about human trafficking and how to spot the signs of trafficking. It's also a time to spread that education to workplaces, churches, schools, government leaders and elsewhere. And January is that month each year.

Within January, Jan. 11 is National Human Trafficking Awareness Day (NHTAD) in the U.S. In Canada, it's Feb. 22.

To help you promote human trafficking awareness and prevention in your organization, whether

you're in the U.S. or Canada, TAT has created a menu of offerings, and a social media guide. Contact info@tatnonprofit.org to get yours.





#### Been waiting for TAT's corporate training video? It's here!



For a number of years, many TAT partners have been requesting a training video they could use to equip people across their organizations – not just drivers -- to recognize how sex and labor trafficking and the victims of these crimes intersect with us in all areas of life. That video is now available. Watch the trailer here.

Using a new format for TAT, the corporate video carries a dual story line. Re-enactments of human trafficking situations, which portray the reality of the crime, are seamlessly woven together with narration provided by a TAT representative, a corporate representative and three diverse survivors, who share insights throughout.

"Regardless of their role in your organization, we think your employees will find this video to be a powerful and effective training about human trafficking, its pervasiveness in our daily lives and the ease with which you might miss it if you're not aware and don't know what to look for," TAT Executive Director Esther Goetsch said.



To request the full-length corporate video, contact info@tatnonprofit.org.

Junction Briefing pilot goes well

Because truck stops and travel plazas are busy 24/7 and generally spread out across states and regions, it's impossible for employees to gather together at any one time to receive in-person training.

To solve that problem, TAT developed a new initiative in 2024 called Junction Briefings, designed to provide truck stops and travel centers with inperson human trafficking training and to facilitate collaboration with law enforcement at a local level. By targeting locations with a high concentration of truck stops and travel centers near major interstate or highway junctions -- and offering multiple 45- to 60minute sessions in one day --Junction Briefings provide locally tailored, niche-specific human trafficking training to critical frontline managers and employees.



Louie Greek, TAT Training specialist, was one of two presenters at TAT's first Junction Briefing in Colorado.

TAT piloted this new engagement model in early December in Commerce City, Colorado, with Sapp Bros., Inc. and the Laboratory to Combat Human Trafficking (LCHT), which runs the Colorado Human Trafficking Hotline. Thirty-two truck stop and travel center employees attended one of the three sessions provided.

Louie Greek, TAT Training specialist, and Kristina Wilburn, associate manager of Training and Education at LCHT, co-presented the three sessions.

"LCHT is grateful for the opportunity to expand its partnership with TAT through co-facilitation of human trafficking presentations to owners and employees of truck stops in the Denver Metro area," shared Wilburn. "There have been several calls to the Colorado Human Trafficking Hotline in which a survivor or community member reported they were victimized or met someone who was a survivor of human trafficking at a truck stop. Survivors often seek public places when escaping their trafficker, and, since most truck stops are open 24/7, it is an ideal place for a survivor to seek help. LCHT would love to continue collaborating with TAT to increase awareness of this crime to other owners and employees at various truck stops throughout Colorado."

TAT has been receiving requests from other truck stop organizations for Junction Briefings in additional locations.



### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Jan. 5 and 7 – Transportation Research Board, Washington D.C.

Jan. 7 – Gordon Food Service National Human Trafficking Prevention Month Lunch N Learn, Wyoming, MI

Jan. 7 – Maine Association for Pupil Transportation Board meeting, virtual

Jan. 8 - Central Jersey Association of Supply

Chain Management (ASCM), virtual

Jan. 8 – Missouri Association for Pupil

Transportation webinar, virtual

Jan. 8 – National Tank Truck Carriers human trafficking presentation, virtual

Jan. 9 – The Women's Fund Miami-Dade Addressing Demand webinar, virtual

Jan. 9 - End It Summit, virtual

Jan. 9 – The Children's Assessment Center, Houston, TX

Jan. 9 – redM Energy Empowers Freedom, Houston, TX

Jan. 9 – Infragard Human Trafficking and Forced Labor Council webinar, virtual

Jan. 12 – Bridgestone Fleet Symposium, Phoenix, AZ

Jan. 13 – American Public Transportation Association Human Trafficking webinar, virtual Jan. 13-17 – Commercial Vehicle Safety

Alliance Human Trafficking Awareness Initiative Jan. 14 – Labor Trafficking Connecting the Dots session, virtual

Jan. 15 – The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Center for Countering Human Trafficking Human Trafficking Prevention Month Symposium, Washington, D.C.

Jan. 15 – Arizona Department of Public Safety Ride Along, Phoenix, AZ

Jan. 15 – One Atlanta: Driving Collaborative Counter-Trafficking Solutions, Atlanta, GA

Jan. 15 – EJ Co. Driver Safety meeting, Lansing, MI

Jan. 16 – DriverSource Human Trafficking Awareness Lunch N Learn, virtual

Jan. 16 – Openforce National Human Trafficking Prevention Month internal training webinar, virtual

Jan. 21 – UPS Lunch N Learn, virtual

Jan. 21 – PepsiCo, Connecting the Dots:

Addressing Demand, virtual

Jan. 22 - National Safe Place Network:

Partnering to Protect: Keeping Kids Safe in our Communities, virtual

Jan. 22 – PepsiCo, Labor Trafficking Connecting the Dots, virtual

Jan. 22 – EJ Co. Driver Safety meeting II, Lansing, MI

Jan. 23 – Openforce National Human Trafficking Prevention Month internal training webinar,

Jan. 27 – TA Expo, Sandusky, OH

Jan. 28 - Canadian Trailblazers, virtual

Jan. 29 – Prevention and Intervention:

Combating Human Trafficking at Home and in Your Community, virtual

Jan. 29 – EJ Co. Driver Safety meeting III, Lansing, MI

Jan. 30 – Medina County Task Force meeting, Medina County, OH Jan. 15 – Allied Universal Security human trafficking awareness, virtual



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