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HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE NEWS

Renee Collins found guilty of sex trafficking and abusing her disabled daughter

Renee Collins, who was on trial this week for sex trafficking and child abuse involving her disabled daughter, was found guilty by a jury Friday... Collins, 54, was on trial to determine whether she caused her daughter, who has cerebral palsy, to submit to rape for drugs and money.

Camioneros de EE. UU. ponen freno a la trata

Alfa & Omega (Spain) La organización Truckers Against Trafficking ha formado a 1,6 millones de conductores profesionales para detectar a posibles víctimas. Ya han contribuido a liberar a 1.300 personas.

Denver man charged with human trafficking, pimping

A Denver man is accused of human trafficking, pimping and money laundering in new charges announced by the Denver District Attorney's Office today. William F. Galbreath, 37, is charged with human trafficking for sexual servitude, pimping, money laundering and violating a protection order, according to the district attorney's office.

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New resources available for National Human Trafficking Awareness Month

January is fast approaching, and, with it, National Human Trafficking Awareness Month (NHTAM) and National Human Trafficking Awareness Day in the United States (February in Canada). To help partners promote these important occasions and keep the fight against human trafficking uppermost in the minds of employees, TAT has prepared a [toolkit of resources](#).



The toolkit provides suggestions for how to promote NHTAM within your company, along with ideas for co-branded graphics, sample language, webinars and other easy-to-incorporate, trafficking-fighting tools to increase your company's and your employees' effectiveness in this critical endeavor that saves lives.

Carrizo Springs events afford opportunities for training on smuggling versus human trafficking and community-wide human trafficking awareness

Situated near the U.S. border with Mexico, Carrizo Springs is a rural Texas town located on part of the Eagle Ford shale deposit. The town has literally expanded and contracted with oil booms and busts. A decade ago, its population numbered 40,000. Today, it homes fewer than 5,000 people.

Last year, SM Energy approached TAT about coordinating a locally tailored event on human trafficking and bringing the Freedom Drivers Project (FDP) to the Carrizo Springs National Night Out, a community event designed to build trust, communication and connections between residents and law enforcement. Working with SM Energy, the Dimmit County Sheriff's Office, Javelin Energy Partners and SandBox/U.S. Silica, TAT coordinated a Carrizo Springs Coalition Build (CB), designed to enhance public private partnerships to combat human trafficking and joined SM Energy and the Dimmit County Sheriff's Office for National Night Out. SandBox logistics donated the local FDP haul.

Held on Oct. 5, the CB garnered 139 attendees, representing five energy companies, six trucking companies, two truck stop companies and 16 law enforcement or government agencies. That created a composite audience of 28% law enforcement/government, 44% energy, 15% trucking/truck stop and 13% other, with 67 people touring the FDP.

Moderated by Sara Sefried, TAT's Strategic Partnerships director, the law enforcement panel featured representatives from the U.S. Attorney's Office, FBI, Kendall County Sheriff's Office and a retired officer from the San Antonio Police Department.



(L to R) Sara Sefried, TAT's director of Strategic Partnerships, Jason Bish, vice president of Environmental, Health and Safety at U.S. Silica, and Liz Williamson, TAT's training specialist, chat at the Carrizo Springs Coalition Build.

Not surprisingly, given the location's proximity to the Texas/Mexican border and current border dynamics, there was an impactful discussion concerning migration and human trafficking. Panelists emphasized the difference between smuggling and trafficking, while also discussing where these crimes overlap, particularly given migrants' heightened vulnerabilities to trafficking. While panelists pointed out that, even in a border region, the majority of their human trafficking cases still involve U.S. citizen victims and perpetrators, they shared case studies where smuggling turned into trafficking. One such example occurred when a perpetrator held their victim for extortion or forced them into sexual or labor exploitation to work off their smuggling debts.

Panelists also shared stories of investigations that involved migrants who were being smuggled by traffickers and on their way to trafficking situations when they encountered law enforcement. Panel members emphasized the importance of protecting survivors of trafficking, coordinating with survivor service providers and providing undocumented victims pathways to access T or U visas, so that they don't face deportation while they cooperate with a law enforcement investigation.

Survey respondents expressed gratitude for the CB, saying the information was needed and can be spread community-wide, that the explanation between smuggling and trafficking was helpful and that the TAT app "is a must have."

Two days later, on Oct. 7, at the community-wide National Night Out event, some 374 people toured

the FDP, some people touring twice, once alone and then bringing family members for a second tour.

Energy companies enhance engagement with TAT in multiple ways

Through boosting awareness of human trafficking among employees, using TAT materials and resources in training, co-hosting and participating in Coalition Builds (CB) that build community partnerships to close loopholes to traffickers or supporting TAT financially, energy companies have stepped up their engagement with TAT to fight human trafficking.

In October, Empower Freedom, TAT's energy initiative which launched in 2018, surpassed the 20,000 mark of energy industry employees registered as TAT-Trained. These employees represent 39 energy companies.



Annie Sovcik, TAT's senior director of Programs and Strategic Initiatives, presented to over 215 ChampionX employees during their Integrity Week. (L to R) Sovcik is pictured with Chief Compliance Officer Marianne Ibrahim and Senior Counsel Stephanie Bustamante at ChampionX's location in Sugar Land, Texas.

This fall, four energy companies will co-host or co-hosted CBs with TAT. The first was in Carrizo Springs, Texas on Oct. 5, with SM Energy, SandBox Logistics/U.S. Silica, and Javelin Energy Partners taking leadership roles. The second CB will be in Calgary, Alberta Nov. 2, with ConocoPhillips co-hosting with TAT. Representatives from 28 different energy and trucking companies registered to attend at least one of these CB events, designed to enhance collaboration between industry stakeholders and build public-private partnerships between industry and law enforcement to combat human trafficking.

In the last six weeks alone, TAT reached over 600 energy company employees through presentations at eight energy industry events, hosted by Orintiv, Pacific Gas and Electric, Liquid Power Specialty Products, ChampionX, Chevron, Transportation Club of Houston, Marathon Petroleum and Utah Petroleum Association.

Two energy companies, Phillips 66 and SandBox Logistics/U.S. Silica, distributed Empower Freedom hardhat stickers and TAT window decals to their employees and contractors in the field.

The fall edition of MEA's ENERGY | EMPOWERED magazine featured **Precision Pipeline's human trafficking awareness program** and its partnership with TAT on page 8.

Additionally, energy company donations help fuel TAT's work through corporate sponsorships. Special thanks to TAT's Gold, Platinum and Diamond+ level Empower Freedom corporate sponsors: EOG Resources, TC Energy, ConocoPhillips, Marathon Oil, Enbridge, Phillips 66, SM Energy, and RXO.

TAT has recently unveiled a new energy program webpage and created new resources for energy companies, including a safety moment facilitation guide and brochure. [Click here](#) to view TAT's Empower Freedom recommendations and resources.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Nov. 2** – Coalition Build, Calgary, Alberta
- Nov. 2** – Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, virtual presentation
- Nov. 2** – Hewlett Packard Enterprise, virtual presentation
- Nov. 5-8** – Women in Trucking Accelerate Conference, Dallas, TX
- Nov. 6** – National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services Annual Conference, Arlington, VA
- Nov. 6** – Alaska law enforcement training, Anchorage, AK
- Nov. 6-8** – AAMVA Region 3 conference, Des Moines, IA
- Nov. 8** – Marathon Oil Human Trafficking Roundtable, Houston, TX
- Nov. 9** – Energy Security Council quarterly meeting, Houston, TX
- Nov. 16** – Coalition Build, Washington, D.C.
- Nov. 17** – Bridgestone/Pomps FDP event, Commerce City, CO



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