



Truckers Against Trafficking Newsletter

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Notable Quotes

"Truckers are now one of the most motivated and well-organized industry groups working on this issue, and their tips have led to countless arrests and recoveries of victims across the country."
Nicole Moler, director of the National Human Trafficking Resource Center

"At the Trafficking in America conference in July, TAT was presented the Award of Service, given to 'a non-governmental organization that goes beyond the norm to eradicate human trafficking.' One of the organizers of the event, Marion Williams, himself a member of the trucking industry for over 20 years, presented the award and got emotional when speaking of the trucking industry stepping up to fight human trafficking. I was humbled to accept this award on behalf of each and every one of you. After all, TAT is each member of the trucking industry who is engaging in this fight to save our fellow humans from the scourge of modern-day slavery.

This is your award!

Congratulations!!!!!!"

Human trafficking in the news

Ohio children sexually trafficked by their own parents in exchange for drugs

Ohio children younger than six have been sexually trafficked by their own parents in exchange for drugs, rent and cash, a new report indicates. Information from the Ohio Network of Children's Advocacy Centers shows that 51 minors from across the state were potentially human trafficking victims - five of them age six or younger ... [Click here](#) to read more.

There are lots of slaves making our stuff, but now it's easier to find them

A new tool helps companies understand the labor practices of their supplies, or their supplier's suppliers, so they can begin to step up and take responsibility. [Click here](#) to read more.

15 things we all need to know about America's appalling sex trade

In the fall of 2012, Deundra Miller and Brittanie Brattain met a 15-year-old runaway near Fort Worth, Texas. They called her "Jewel." Online advertisements for "escort" services were posted on her behalf, and she met with strange men for "dates," while Miller and Brattain stayed close to collect the payment that changed hands. Finally, in January 2013, the girl escaped. [Click here](#) to read more.

Freedom Drivers Project to debut at GATS

Freedom Drivers Project, TAT's first-of-its-kind, 48'-long,

Kylla Leeburg, TAT deputy director



mobile empathy exhibit, will make its debut at the Great American Trucking Show (GATS) in Dallas Aug. 21-23. This unit will continue to position the trucking industry in a leadership role in the fight against human trafficking, as it will educate the general public on human trafficking as well as what the trucking industry is doing to combat it and how individual people can help.

The outside trailer wrap prominently displays the Freedom Drivers Project name, the TAT logo, a driver graphic, and the logos of sponsors who have already signed on to show their support of this project, including Ryder, Bridgestone, Maxon Lift, Morgan Corporation, Great Dane, Cummins, Colographic, Utility Trailer Manufacturing, Bendix, Meritor, Waltco Inc., Carrier Transicold and Supreme Industries.

[Click here](#) to read more about this exciting new project.





Upcoming coalition build to focus on trafficking in South Dakota

A coalition build, hosted by the South Dakota Trucking Association, the South Dakota US Attorney's Office, the South Dakota Department of Justice and Truckers Against Trafficking, is scheduled for Aug. 12, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Best Western Plus Ramkota Hotel in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Attendees, who include leadership from South Dakota trucking companies, as well as general managers from area truck stops and travel plazas and members of all area law enforcement groups, will become informed about local law enforcement issues related to child sexual exploitation and human trafficking ... [Click here](#) to read more.

Bringing law enforcement and the trucking industry together to fight human trafficking

Kendis Paris, TAT executive director, will join a powerful line-up of speakers from around the country and Canada at the 24th Annual MVCI/DIAP/EPIC, to be held Aug. 11-14 at the Amway Grand Plaza in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She'll speak to the multiple ways law enforcement and the trucking industry can work together to fight human trafficking along our nation's streets and highways.

The Motor Vehicle Criminal Interdiction (MVCI) Association's goal is to provide law enforcement officials an intelligence and networking environment to share the latest criminal trends and learn innovative criminal

interdiction concepts ... [Click here](#) to read more.

What is TAT?

Truckers Against Trafficking (TAT) is a non-profit organization that exists to educate, equip, empower and mobilize the trucking industry to combat human trafficking as part of their regular jobs. Domestic sex trafficking occurs along our nation's highways and at its truck stops, where traffickers can sell their victims to a transient population they believe are less likely to attempt rescue. In response, TAT is asking the 3 million domestic truckers, as well as other members of the trucking industry, to become aware of this issue, and, when they suspect a human trafficking case, to call the national hotline and report it. Visit our website at www.truckersagainstrafficking.org to learn more.

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