



Truckers Against Trafficking Newsletter

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TAT t-shirt with stripes



Navy blue t-shirt with TAT logo

Human trafficking in the news

Prostitution: Why the economist has it wrong on legalization

On August 9th, the cover article for *The Economist* argued that prostitution's shift from the streets to the Internet illustrates the migration of the sex industry to the formal economy, and touted this trend as a basis for legalization. As the State Department's former Ambassador-at-Large for Combating Trafficking in Persons, I am discouraged that such a reputable publication would endorse the legalization of an industry that not only disproportionately robs the dignity of underprivileged populations, but is also proven to exacerbate the horrors of sex trafficking the world is fighting to eradicate today. Prostitution is not the oldest profession, but the oldest form of oppression. [Click here](#) to read more.

'Backpage' backlash: Site frustrates cops fighting online sex trade

Cops and prosecutors combating the online child sex trade say they've been frustrated in their efforts to get quick cooperation from Backpage.com - the multimillion-dollar site that replaced Craigslist as a major online venue for prostitution ads. [Click here](#) to read more.

Fighting for her soul: A sex-trafficking victim's story

She remembers being given so many drugs that she would sometimes drool on herself. The drug kept her loose, so she wouldn't be able to fight. Or escape. [Click here](#) to read more.

TAT Executive Director thanks supporters

Dear Friends,

This is the last newsletter for 2014, and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your support. While we'll do a full review of the year in our annual report, which will be published in January, I can tell you this has been a year of unprecedented opportunity for TAT, as well as a year of growth



Limited edition TAT pin



TAT hat



and preparation for the future.

In addition to the well-received launch of the Freedom Drivers Project (FDP), and thousands more becoming TAT trained, TAT and the trucking industry are receiving recognition from the U.S. State Department -- as well as from law enforcement and lawmakers -- for the success and replicable components of the model we are creating in the fight against human trafficking.

Both of these are gratifying and couldn't have happened without your support. Whether you're a corporate sponsor, an individual donor or someone who works to help us accomplish our mission through your voice and actions, we want you to know how much we appreciate you and how grateful we are for you. A national effort like TAT takes an army of people to achieve success. You are that army, and we salute you.

Thank you,
Kendis Paris, TAT Executive Director

Freedom Drivers Project impresses participants at international summit on combating human trafficking in West Virginia

The Freedom Drivers Project (FDP) drew comments like "impressive," "amazing" and "beautifully done" from law enforcement personnel and experts from around the world who convened at the American Military University in Charles Town, West Virginia, Nov. 17-20 for the second annual international summit on combating human trafficking, titled "Widening the Net: Together Let's Stop Traffick." The event was co-hosted by the university and the International Police Training Institute (IPTI).

"As one of the only anti-trafficking mobile exhibits in existence, summit coordinators thought the FDP was an ideal addition to their event. And, indeed, TAT not only gained great exposure, but educated audiences and participated in forward-thinking collaborative sessions on the issue as well. Moreover, hearing human trafficking experts from around the globe praise the FDP and envision its inclusion in future events was extremely affirming," said Kendis Paris, TAT executive director.

[Click here](#) to read more about the event.



Kim Derry, co-chair of the International Police Training Institute, toured the Freedom Drivers Project.



Bob Leslie, West Virginia Deputy Attorney General, also

checked out the Freedom Drivers Project.



The FDP was on display at the Together Let's Stop Traffick Summit in Charles Town, WV.

TAT launches online store

Truckers Against Trafficking (TAT) announces the launch of an online store at (www.truckersagainsttrafficking.org/store) with a limited number of products.

One of the products, offered in response to many requests from truckers for a larger decal, is a mega 11-inch by 14-inch TAT decal for truck or trailer. This decal is modeled after the artwork on the Freedom Drivers Project and sells for \$10, which includes postage in a mailing tube. A substantial price reduction is available for fleet owners wishing to purchase the decals for a fleet of 10 or more trailers. Information about fleet pricing can be obtained by e-mailing tat.truckers@gmail.com.

The first company to purchase these decals for its entire fleet of 200 was Snider Fleet Solutions (SFS), headquartered in Greensboro, North Carolina. [Click here](#) to continue reading.



Large TAT decals (11" x 14")

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.truckersagainsttrafficking.org to learn more.

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