



Truckers Against Trafficking Newsletter

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Notable Quotes

"I remember this one time ... it was around 2 a.m., and we got a knock on the cab, and I didn't even think that it could have been a trafficking victim. This (Freedom Drivers Project) exhibit helped. It makes me think differently. It makes me more aware, and I'll call next time."

-Frances C., Landstar driver, after touring the Freedom Drivers Project and getting a TAT wallet card

"Truck drivers and others in the transportation industry serve as the eyes and ears of our nation's highways. Traffickers often force their victims to work at truck stops, gas stations, rest areas and other establishments near major highways - common locations frequented by our drivers as part of their jobs. What better advocates to take part in the fight against this atrocious criminal activity than trucking and its professional drivers. Virginia's trucking industry is sending a clear message that we will not stand by and allow human trafficking to take place on our watch and will use all

Human trafficking in the news

Virginia Trucking Association joins forces with Truckers Against Trafficking

In an effort to combat the issues surrounding human trafficking, the Virginia Trucking Association has formed a partnership with Truckers Against Trafficking. The move comes shortly after a Virginia trucker tipped off authorities about a kidnapping and sexual abuse case that potentially saved a young woman's life. [Click here](#) to read more.

Sex trafficking: practice growing problem in state

With human trafficking, also known as sex trafficking, becoming a more dangerous problem in today's society, Pinal County officials hosted a conference on Thursday aimed at increasing awareness and education among law enforcement and the public. The Pinal County Attorney's Office and Truckers Against Trafficking sponsored the conference ... [Click here](#) to read more.

Recruiting drivers to fight human trafficking

They drive thousands of miles all around the country, now truck drivers are helping to fight human trafficking. They're called "Truckers Against Trafficking," and they're teaming up with the Iowa Department of Transportation to educate those who know the roads best. [Click here](#) to read more.

Arizona coalition build draws full crowd

As part of the state's preparation for hosting the Super Bowl, Arizona law enforcement from all levels and state

means at our disposal to stop these sickening crimes. We are pleased to support the efforts of Delegate Hugo, Senator Obenshain and other members of the General Assembly to strengthen Virginia's sex trafficking laws so we can end this heinous crime."

-Dale Bennett, president and CEO of the Virginia Trucking Association (VTA), explaining why the VTA is partnering with TAT

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trucking and travel plaza leaders gathered in Florence, Arizona on Jan. 8 for a coalition build, co-sponsored by TAT and the Pinal County Attorney's Office.

Pinal County Attorney Lando Voyles, explained, "It's only logical for the trucking industry to collaborate with law enforcement to fight back against human trafficking. I appreciate the support the trucking industry showed at the Pinal County Attorney's Office and Truckers Against Trafficking seminar. It's invigorating to know that so many entities care about taking back our streets and educating the community about this fast-growing crime. Truckers working with law enforcement create a second pair of eyes and ears for police. The Truckers Against Trafficking seminar gave them the tools they need to work closely with law enforcement. I'd like to thank Truckers Against Trafficking, Sheriff Paul Babeu, Homeland Security, the FBI and the Phoenix Police Department for helping PCAO make this event a success."

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TA/Petro sent a large contingent to the Arizona coalition build.



Lando Voyles, Pinal County attorney, addressed the capacity crowd of law enforcement and trucking representatives at the Arizona coalition build.

Mid-West Truck and Trailer Show

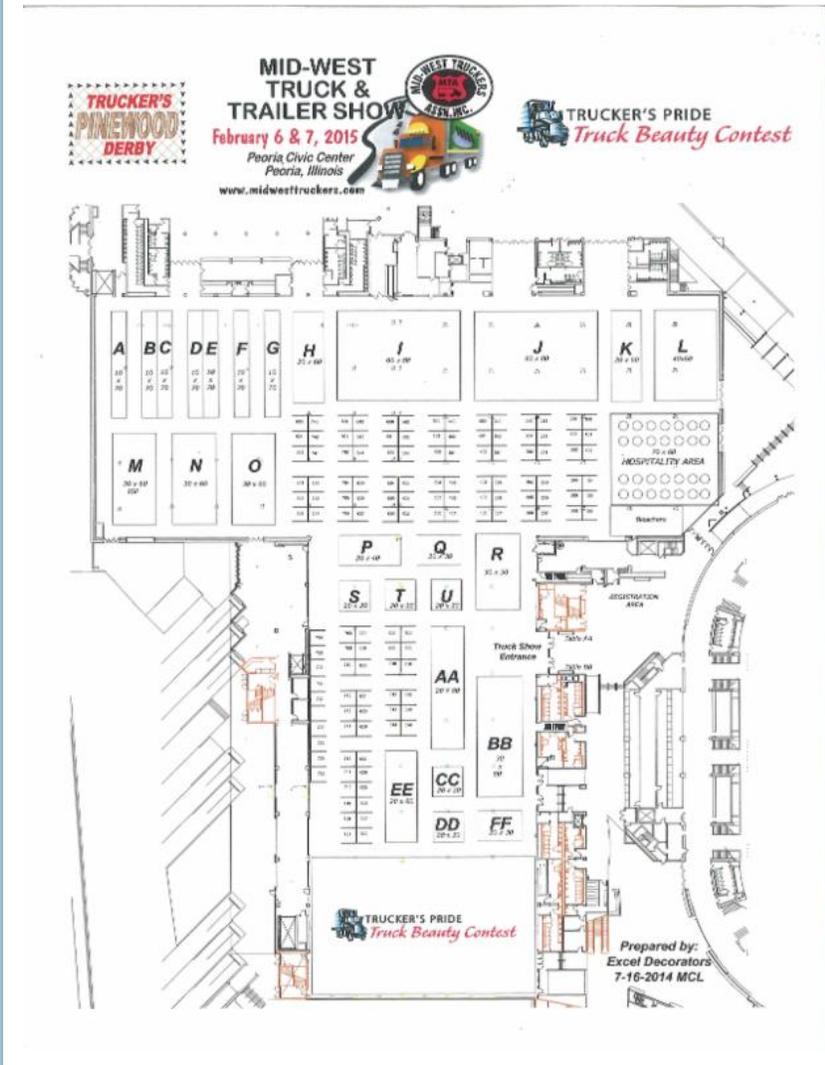
The Freedom Drivers Project (FDP) will be traveling to Peoria, Illinois for the Mid-West Truck and Trailer Show on Feb. 6-7, where HELP, Inc., the public-private partnership for PrePass that provides weigh station bypass and other truck safety services, is sponsoring exhibit space for TAT's mobile exhibit.



Don Schaefer, HELP chairman and member of the Mid-West Truckers Association, which operates the Mid-West Truck and Trailer Show, said, "Mid-West Truckers Association supports many causes, such as Special Olympics, St. Jude's Hospitals and local charities. We joined TAT last year and started offering free advertising space in our monthly magazine and space on our association website. We were intrigued with the phenomenal growth and support for TAT, as it put a particular issue in the forefront. I've worked with Dave Lorenzen (TAT board of directors) of Iowa State Patrol on several issues ... Dave suggested we bring this to the board of directors of HELP last summer. We were glad to see HELP, Inc. jump in and become a sponsor and vocal supporter for TAT's efforts. I hope we can get TAT's message out to the many people who go through the Mid-West Truck & Trailer Show."

The Mid-West Truck and Trailer Show is in its 52nd year and expects more than 5500 attendees for the two-day

event, located at the Peoria Civic Center. The FDP will be located in Space M.



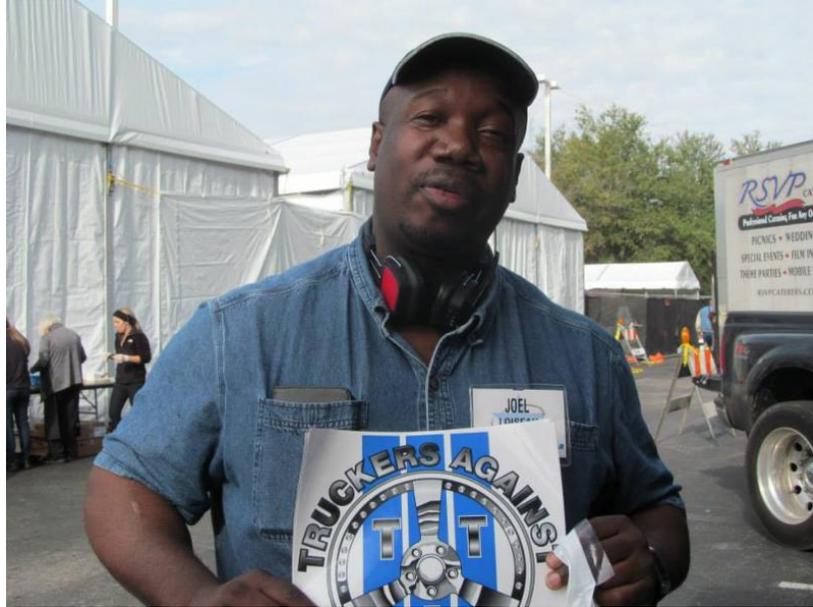
TAT trains drivers at Landstar's BCO Appreciation Days

More than 200 drivers earned their Certified Truckers Against Trafficking (CTAT) designation during training sessions Jan. 22-24 at Landstar's BCO Appreciation Days at Landstar headquarters in Jacksonville, Florida.

"We had a great time with the Landstar team," said Kylla Lanier, TAT deputy director. "Three hundred people toured the Freedom Drivers Project (FDP). We had in-depth and really enlightened conversations with so many drivers about human trafficking and the underlying causes. We so appreciate Landstar's corporate commitment to fighting human trafficking, as well as the incredible owner/operators who have such big hearts and want to end injustice for those being prostituted against their will."

We also sold 30 trailer stickers, gave out hundreds of TAT window decals and wallet cards, and enjoyed the camaraderie and good spirits at this event. Thanks for inviting us, Landstar!"

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

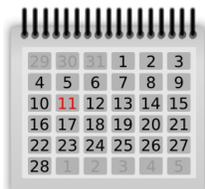


Driver Joel was one of the drivers who purchased a TAT trailer decal at the Landstar event.



Helen Van Dam, FDP director, spoke to some of the 300 people who toured TAT's mobile exhibit at the Landstar BCO Appreciation Days event.

Upcoming Events



Feb. 6-7: Mid-West Truck and Trailer Show (FDP) in Peoria, IL - Helen Van Dam, TAT FDP director; Kendis Paris, TAT executive director; Bill Brady, TAT driver; and the FDP

Feb. 12: Kylla Lanier, TAT deputy director, in Nashville for the Bridgestone Truckload Bid Kickoff meetings

Feb. 17: Kendis Paris, TAT executive director, and the FDP at the Atlanta, GA Coalition Build

Feb. 19: Kendis Paris, TAT executive director, speaks at the World Economic Forum Headquarters in New York City

Feb. 25: Lyn Thompson, TAT communications specialist, speaks at the Not for Sale: Wisconsin's Response to Human Trafficking Conference in Milwaukee, WI

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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