Notable Quotes

"My goal is that every truck across this country has these (TAT) stickers and gets trained. There are 3.2 million professional truck drivers nationally, and all of us can do our part to make a difference."
--Sherri Garner, CEO, Garner Transportation Group

"True sexual consent is not possible here (in the sex trade). Sexual consent is beyond the laws of commerce; it is beyond sale, and it is beyond purchase. Sexual abuse, however, often has a price tag, and when it does, we call it prostitution."
--Rachel Moran, author and former prostituted woman

"The cruel reality of human sex trafficking in America is all too real for the young innocent victims and their families. But for the rest of us, it's just under the surface, just under the radar. We don't see the reality and, therefore, don't understand that we can do something to stop it. The Freedom Drivers Project will break through the surface and display the truth behind the forced smile, the truth behind the provocative dress. When the FDP is at a location near you, stop and take a few moments to enter the world sex trafficking victims live every day and every night. Look at the artifacts, videos and pictures and ask yourself the questions you never knew to ask. Learn what you can do, and then do it."
--Dave Nemo, Sirius XM Radio Personality and Host of The Dave

Human trafficking in the news

Truckers Against Trafficking 'mobile museum' at UT Sept. 18-19
A 48-foot trailer will be parked outside the student union at the University of Toledo on Sept. 18 and 19 to help shed light on the trucking industry's role in fighting human trafficking, an issue Northwest Ohio faces regularly as a major ground transportation hub. Click here to read more.

Basic Stages of Grooming for Sexual Exploitation
Sex trafficking exists within the larger commercial sex industry. Not all participants in the commercial sex industry are victims of trafficking, but many are. It becomes trafficking when someone is forced or coerced into the commercial sex trade against their will. Click here to read more.

How to Think Like a Trafficker
While sex trafficking is recognized as a rampant crime throughout the world, law enforcement still struggles to combat it. One of the major challenges is that the tactics used by traffickers change constantly, leaving traditional reactive policing strategies ineffective. To counter this problem, law enforcement has to develop more innovative strategies to find the sex trafficking rings and to keep victims away from traffickers for good. Click here to read more.

Freedom Drivers Project well received on first outing
The Freedom Drivers Project (FDP) received hundreds of favorable comments during its first tour since being debuted at the Great American Trucking Show (GATS) Aug. 21-23.

Transported from Dallas to Ohio by Garner Transportation
Group, the FDP received Garner's attention, support and transportation to three separate venues in Ohio from Sept. 17-20 -- a luncheon at Ohio Logistics in Findlay, a conference at the University of Toledo and the annual meeting for Garner Transportation Group in Findlay. Two Ohio state representatives, trucking and travel plaza executives and employees, members of the Zonta Club of Findlay, trafficking survivors and participants at the 11th Annual International Human Trafficking, Prostitution and Sex Work Conference at the University of Toledo were among those who toured the trailer. Many of these also attended presentations at each venue on what the trucking industry is doing to fight domestic sex trafficking along our nation's highways.

Click here to read more.

From left to right: Maile Doyle, president of Zonta of Findlay; Rep. Robert Sprague, Ohio House of Representatives; Sherri Garner Brumbaugh, CEO of Garner Transportation Group; and Chuck Bills, CEO of Ohio Logistics

Law enforcement and trucking working together to fight human trafficking

Jim Burg, president of James Burg Trucking Company (JBTC) in Warren, Michigan, recently sent the following letter to Chief David Lorenzen, from Iowa DOT’s Office of
Motor Vehicle Enforcement. The letter highlights the way trucking and law enforcement are coming together to close loopholes to traffickers. We are also pleased to announce that JBTC is our newest silver level corporate sponsor. Our thanks to Chief Lorenzen and Jim Burg!

TAT Facebook celebrates over 50,000 likes
In September, TAT’s Facebook page recorded over 50,000 likes and is now well on its way to 60,000. Kylla Leeburg, TAT deputy director, has been in charge of TAT’s social media communications since 2009 when TAT began.

"It's inspiring to be a part of the evolution that has occurred on our Facebook page over the years," Leeburg commented. "To read encouraging messages from our social media audience to survivors who share their stories on our page, to see the heartfelt reactions of human trafficking survivors to TAT's work and their appreciation of the members of the trucking industry for recognizing the signs of human trafficking and then calling in to stop it, to the legitimate, difficult conversations we have about the legalization of prostitution, the different shapes trafficking takes, the
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.