



Truckers Against Trafficking Newsletter

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Notable Quotes

"The trailer ... is a great tool that will be used to heighten awareness across the nation to the fact that human trafficking - and specifically, sex trafficking - is very real here in North America and within our industry. But, this is not occurring in our industry by choice. No, that's not the case at all. These traffickers are targeting our industry and our drivers, and the businesses where our drivers must frequent as part of their daily work life. Driving a truck is one of the most noble of professions in the world. Our men and women of the industry are truly heroes in their own right for the work they do day in and day out delivering our nation's goods to all of our customers and, frankly, to all of us. This nation's economy, security, and well being rests on retaining these great drivers and the ability to continue to attract new drivers into the industry. In the midst of performing this great task, they are being targeted by traffickers, and that's unacceptable. Our youth are also being targeted by traffickers. As you visit the TAT website or tour through the Freedom Drivers Mobile Experience Trailer, you will see the tactics that are employed to

Human trafficking in the news

TAT debuts new Freedom Drivers Project educational trailer at GATS

TAT bought the trailer and will soon be taking it to schools, communities and trucking events to help spread the word that human slavery is going on in nearly every town and community in the U.S. right under our noses. But it goes on in secret and most people don't see it. [Click here](#) to read more.

Clandestine websites fuel 'alarming' increase in child porn

Purveyors of the material have found social status based on their continued and escalating activities. Last year, more suspects were arrested for child exploitation crimes - 7,386 - than at any time in the past five years. [Click here](#) to read more.

Trafficked boys overlooked

Males remain a largely invisible population within the dialogue on sex trafficking. [Click here](#) to read more.

Freedom Drivers Project debuts at GATS

Hundreds of people were impacted by the issue of human trafficking and what the trucking industry is doing to fight it after walking through TAT's new Freedom Drivers Project (FDP) at the Great American Trucking Show in Dallas, Aug. 21-23. The GATS debut included a press conference featuring U.S. Rep. Ted Poe, Texas, along with Kendis Paris, TAT executive director, and Scott Perry, TAT board member and vice president of Supply Management, Ryder Fleet

steal our youth and draw them into the world of trafficking."

--Scott Perry, TAT board member and vice president of Supply Management, Ryder Fleet Management Solutions, speaking at the press conference for the Freedom Drivers Project at GATS

"Seeing this picture brought tears of joy to my eyes. As a survivor of trafficking and being trafficked to truckers, I've always had a hard time seeing semis as anything but bad memories ... but seeing this truck rolling down the road, filled with information to stop this epidemic and empower survivors, has healed my heart and given me hope. Thank you!"

--Joy, a human trafficking survivor upon seeing the photo of the Freedom Drivers Project moving along the highway



Management Solutions. [Click here](#) to read more.





A huge thank you to the sponsors of the Freedom Drivers Project!



TAT to work with U.S. State Department program to train international visitors
WorldDenver, an organization that helps to administer the State Department-sponsored [International Visitor Leadership Program](#) in the Denver area, has asked TAT to be a training partner for two of their Fall groups.

These foreign visitors have been invited by a U.S. Embassy to participate in a short-term professional exchange program. In August and September, two groups focused on combating human trafficking in their countries expressed interest in meeting with TAT. [Click here](#) to continue reading.

TAT and Freedom Drivers Project on the move in September

TAT and/or the Freedom Drivers Project (FDP) will be present at the following events in September:

Sept. 5 - South Dakota Trucking Association, Rapid City, SD, Kylla Leeburg, TAT deputy director, speaking

Sept. 9-10 - Motor Carriers of Montana Annual Convention, Billings, MT, Kylla Leeburg, TAT deputy director, speaking

Sept. 12 - New York State Motor Truck Association Annual Conference, Cooperstown, NY, Kendis Paris, TAT executive director, speaking with Officer John Collins of NY Port Authority

Sept. 17 - Missouri Trucking Association Annual Conference, Ridgedale, MO, Kylla Leeburg, TAT deputy director, speaking

Sept. 17 - Executives Against Human Trafficking, Ohio Logistics, Findlay, OH, Lyn Thompson, TAT communications specialist, speaking and FDP tour

[Click here](#) to see the full FDP tour for September!

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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