

TAT COALITION BUILDS CLOSING LOOPHOLES TO TRAFFICKERS



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Mission

A coalition strives to bring together critical stakeholders to accomplish a single mission. TAT's coalition builds do just that, by gathering law enforcement and members of the truck and bus industries to work together to close loopholes to traffickers, who exploit victims and legitimate businesses for criminal gain. The primary goal of a TAT coalition build is to establish an effective and sustainable working relationship between the trucking and busing industries and law enforcement statewide, in order to combat the crime of human trafficking. This is done through our short-term and long-term goals. Much of the short-term impact is seen immediately following the meeting, evidenced through the results of the survey and shown below under "same-day impact." The long-term impact is the result of follow up done two months after the meeting. TAT firmly believes that these meetings have far-reaching impact, not only in building strong coalitions between trucking and law enforcement agencies across the United States, but in ultimately saving lives.



Short-term goals:

1. Gather leaders from various law enforcement departments, including representatives from the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Transportation, as well as county sheriff's offices, in the same room with representatives/executives of local trucking companies, busing companies and truck stop or bus terminal owners and managers.
2. Offer an initial training on human trafficking to all participants at the meeting, as well as offer concrete pathways and strategies for law enforcement and members of the trucking and busing industries to work together to combat it.
3. Introduce truck stop and bus terminal owners and general managers to their local law enforcement officers in order to establish a local contact protocol through the contact list.
4. Motivate more trucking and busing companies to train drivers as a result of the build.
5. Motivate truck stops and busing terminals to train employees and become points of distribution for TAT and BOTL materials.
6. Provide victim-centered law enforcement training on human trafficking by local law enforcement leaders and a survivor-leader sharing her story.
7. Promote a change in verbiage and mentality in both industries from "prostitute" to victim.

Long-term goals:

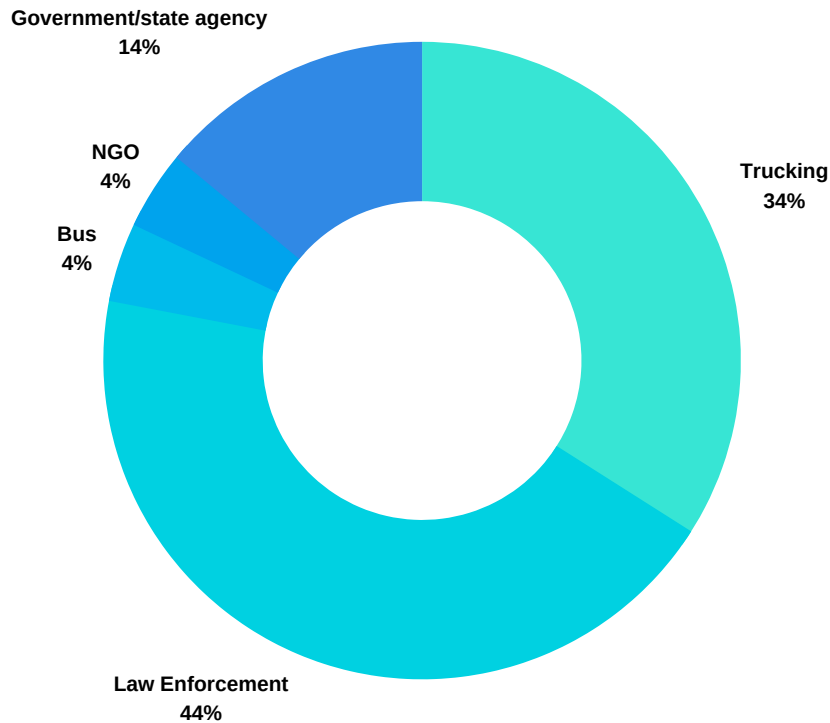
1. Utilize TAT and BOTL materials in ongoing, in-state trainings for both law enforcement agencies and industry members.
2. Chart increase in calls/reports into the hotline.
3. Equip local or statewide anti-trafficking task forces with industry stakeholders.
4. Assist in undercover investigations conducted between law enforcement agencies and industry stakeholders.
5. Aid in the adoption of the Iowa MVE model statewide.
6. Mandate TAT and BOTL training at the CDL entry-level.





Goal #1

Gather leaders from trucking, busing and truck stop industries with law enforcement agencies for a half-day training.



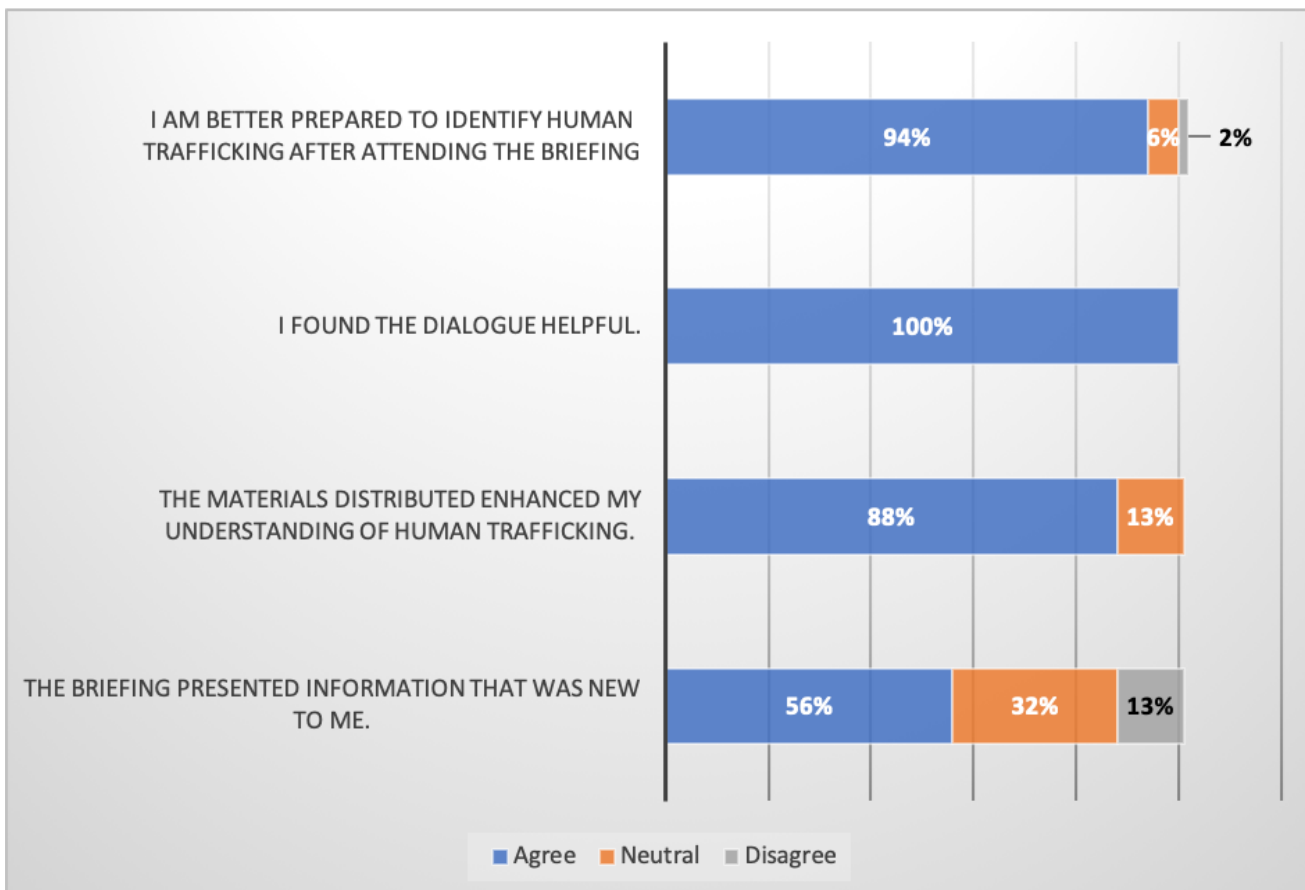
There were 52 participants at the meeting, and the following results are based off the survey gathered, which 62% of participants completed.





Goal #2

Offer human trafficking training to all participants, as well as offer concrete pathways and strategies for law enforcement and members of the trucking and busing industries to work together to combat it.



97% of respondents said they know what next steps to take in order to combat human trafficking.

100% of respondents said presenters were knowledgeable and approachable.

100% of respondents said the briefing was a good use of their time.



Goal #3

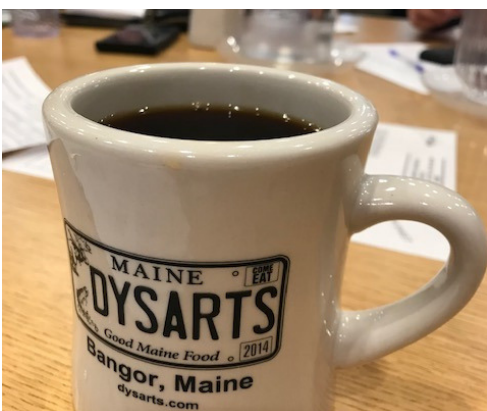
Motivate more trucking and busing companies to train drivers as a result of the build.

- Sazerac Transportation LLC. has trained and registered 11 employees since the Bangor coalition build.
- One attendee at the coalition build works for the fire department as well as the Professional Loggers of Maine Association. He has shared the TAT training with the fire department and plans to share the TAT training materials at the next Professional Loggers of Maine Association training in the spring.
- Savage Safe and Handling was already doing the training, but, became after the coalition build, registered 18 drivers.
- Concentra is looking into adding TAT training with employees and handing out wallet cards during DOT driver physicals.

Goal #3

Motivate more truck stops to train employees and become points of distribution for TAT materials.

- Dysart's Transportation sponsored the coffee and lunch and provided the meeting location for the coalition build in Bangor. Thank you, Dysart's!



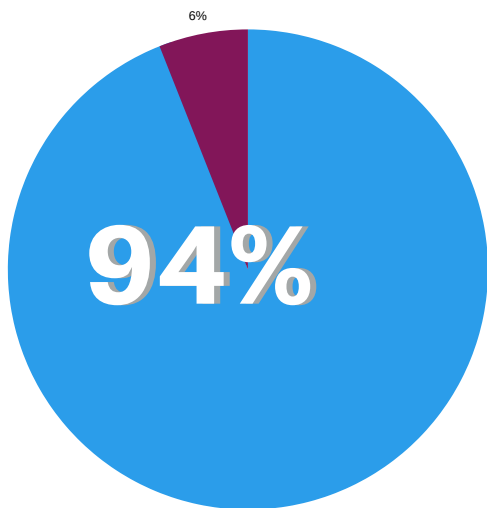


Goal #5 & 6:

Provide victim-centered law enforcement training on human trafficking by local law enforcement leaders and a survivor-leader sharing her story. Promote a change in verbiage and mentality in both industries from “prostitute” to victim.

Here is what respondents said about the presentation by TAT field trainers:

“Courageous, insightful and educational!”



94% of respondents agreed that hearing the survivor speak was powerful.

“It was great to hear her story. Hearing her story makes it all so much more real.”

“Great to hear personal impact from victim's perspective.”

“She was phenomenal.”

“It was powerful and tremendously insightful.”

“This is the third time I have heard a survivor story. It is amazing to me how the stories overlap from start to finish. Very powerful and useful information for law enforcement to hear.”

“I would like to hear more about what would help survivors to talk with law enforcement, so we have some information to work with.”





Here are just a few things that attendees had to say about the training:

"I am looking forward to getting more of this information out to our drivers."

"Very good information and much needed! This needs to happen more throughout our state."

"Excellent format."

"Great program!"

"This is the second presentation that I've seen from TAT, but I picked up new information, and it is absolutely worthwhile!"

"We will get in touch with you about procedures required to have training at schools."

"Meg did a great job. She was very down to earth."

100%

of respondents said they would recommend attending a briefing like this to others in their field.



Long-term impact in Maine

Utilize TAT and BOTL materials in ongoing, in-state trainings for both law enforcement agencies and industry members.

- The Maine Association of Pupil Transportation has invited BOTL to come train all Maine school bus drivers at the Sugarloaf Safety Training in July.
- The Maine Chiefs of Police is considering having TAT come speak at the Maine Chiefs of Police Annual Conference.
- As a result of attending the Bangor coalition build, FMCSA in Baltimore, MD has successfully galvanized state and federal agencies in Maryland, DC and Delaware to cohost a Mid-Atlantic coalition build in August.

Finally summary

Prior to the Bangor coalition build, TAT already had an excellent relationship with the state trucking association, as well as many state agencies working to implement the Iowa MVE model. The coalition build, however, enabled TAT to connect with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, create a new strategic partnership with Maine Pupil Transportation and reconnect with trucking companies in the area. Further, the coalition build opened up new doors for strategic partnerships in the northeast, including state and federal contacts in three key states actively planning a Mid-Atlantic coalition build in 2019.