

# 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 (CB) do just that, by gathering law enforcement and members of the trucking 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 bus 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, ultimately, in 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, bus 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 bus 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 bus companies to train drivers as a result of the build.
5. Motivate management at truck stops and bus 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.

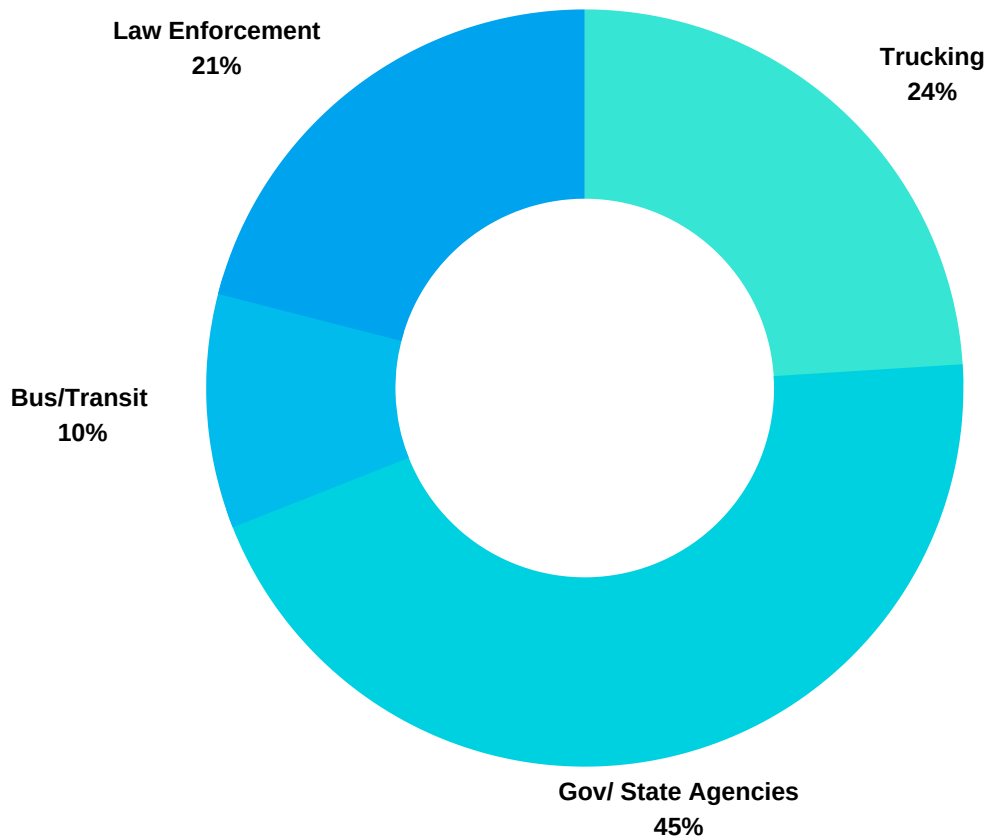
## Long-term goals:

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.





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



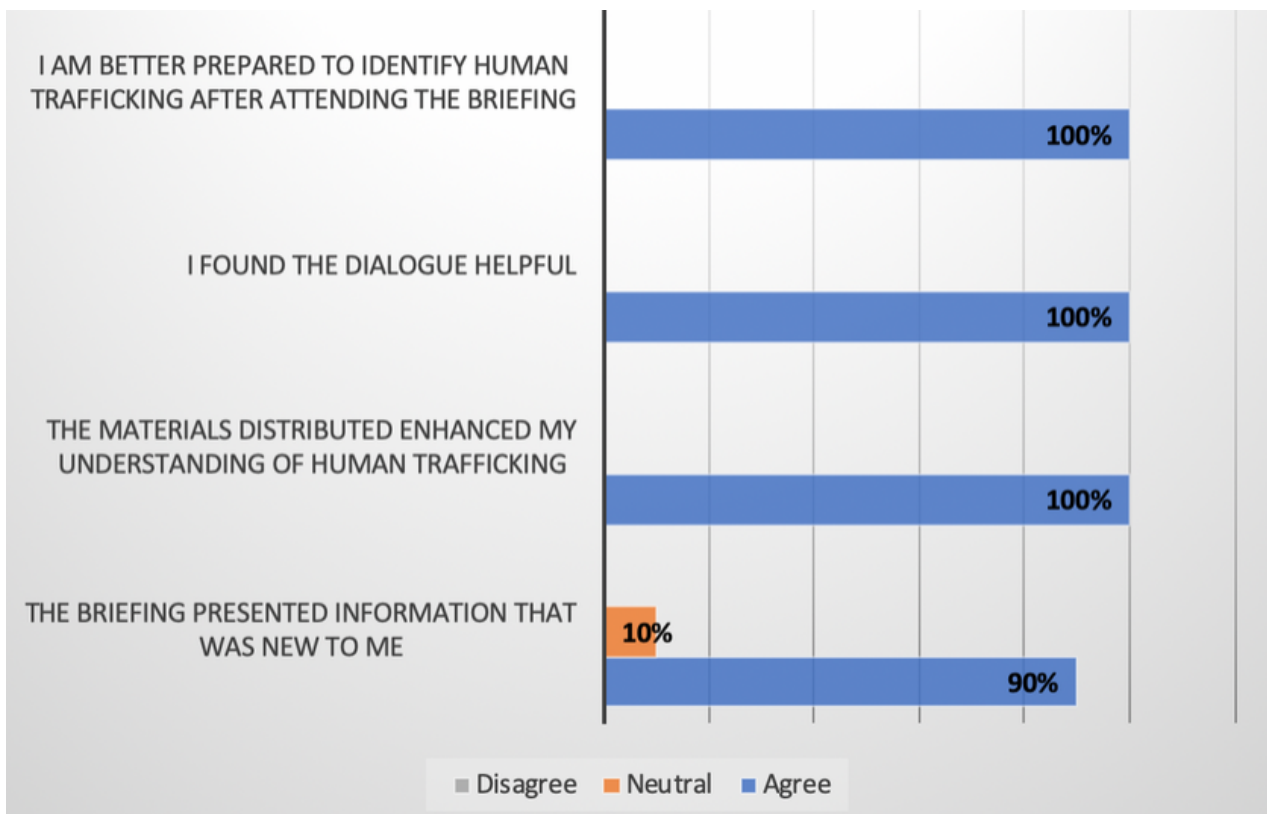
There were 42 participants at the meeting, and the following results are based off the survey gathered, which 48% of participants completed.







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



**95%** of respondents said they know what next steps to take in order to combat human trafficking.

**95%** of respondents said presenters were knowledgeable and approachable.

**90%** of respondents said the briefing was a good use of their time.



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



*"This was very good information. I would like more information that is school-bus specific or a stand-alone, school bus training."*

*"Great topic; powerful presentations; and I hope it's an annual meeting!"*

*"Good information sharing."*

*"It was very moving."*

*"Very powerful."*

*"Very eye opening."*



# 90%

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



**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.**

*"As a police officer, I found this to be the most powerful part of the entire training."*

**100%**

**100%** of respondents agreed that hearing the survivor speak was powerful.

**Here is what respondents said about the presentation by a TAT field trainer:**

*"It was great to hear from a victim!"*

*"The presentation helped give perspective. Very helpful!"*

*"It was very moving, brought me to tears. Very eye opening."*

*"Very powerful!"*

*"Incredibly powerful and made this issue more real."*

*"Beth Jacobs' presentation helped put things in perspective and was very helpful."*





## Ongoing impact in New Hampshire

- The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) in New Hampshire is recommending all DOT and DMV employees watch TAT's state agency webinar.
- The FMCSA in New Hampshire has provided BOTL materials to five bus companies and is contacting bus terminals to ask about doing an awareness campaign at the bus terminals and bus stops.
- The New Hampshire Motor Truck Association (NHMTA) requested TAT materials to distribute at their truck driving championship in May, which will be attended by both New Hampshire and Vermont trucking association members.
- As a result of the Coalition Build in New Hampshire, TAT is discussing the possibility of doing a Coalition Build in Vermont with the Vermont Attorney General's Office.

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