

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 of 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.

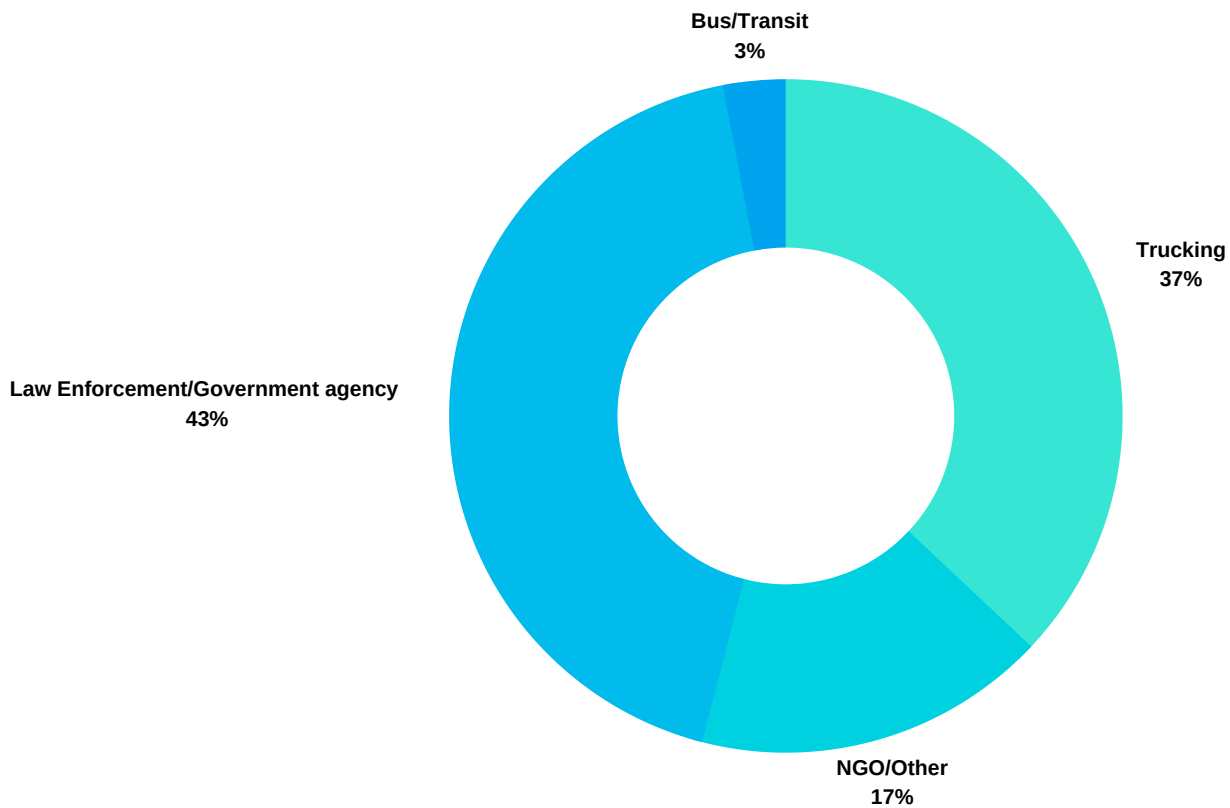
Long-term goals:

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.

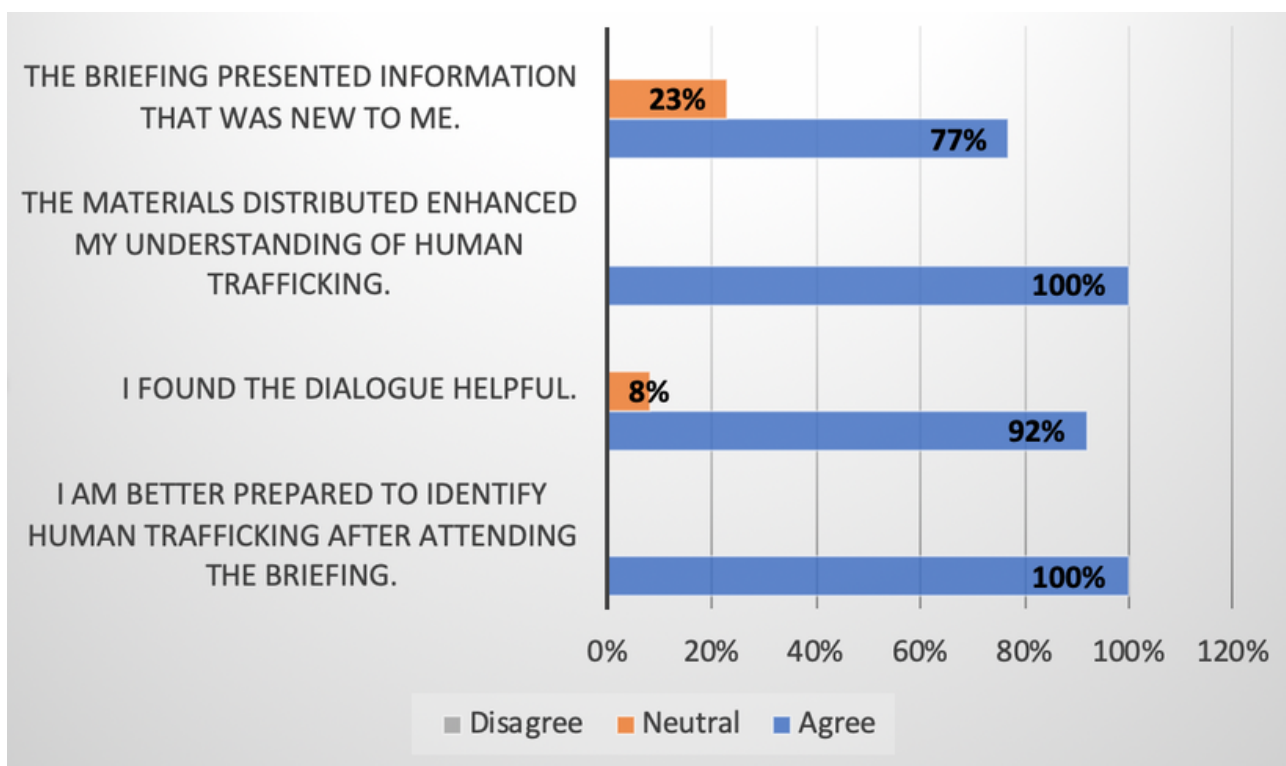


There were 30 participants at the meeting, and the following results are based off the survey gathered, which 43% of participants completed.





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.



100% 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.



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



"Professional and well informed."

"The panel was great. It gave a behind-the-scenes perspective."

"Great knowledge and understanding of human trafficking and the position the victim is put in. I also have a better understanding of the hotline."



"This was a great experience, and the training was very well done."

"The presenters and panelists were knowledgeable and full of good insight into the process."



"The panel was very informative."

"This was a very moving event."

"Thank you for the great training and training materials!"

100%

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



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

"It makes me have a better understanding of why the victim never speaks up. I will have more compassion in addressing any situation I may face."

"Beth's story is an incredibly powerful one and truly inspiring!"

"Very powerful, giving insight into a reality I can only imagine."

"Beth's story was very strong and powerful."

"Very effective and touching. Thank you, Beth, for sharing your story and insights."

"Very powerful story."

"She is a very brave individual and has an interesting story. I couldn't believe how long she had to endure being victimized."

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

100%





Ongoing impact in eastern Washington:

Motivate more trucking and bus companies, as well as transit agencies, to train drivers as a result of the build.

- Kenworth Sales Company has become a Copper-level corporate sponsor and took materials to distribute at their locations.

Motivate management at truck stops and bus terminals to train employees and become points of distribution for TAT and BOTL materials.

- Broadway Truck Stops have the TAT window decals on the front doors as well as in the restrooms, both men's and women's. They requested TAT posters, the truck stop brochure, wallet cards and video be sent to all Broadway locations.
- Pilot Flying J, Region 66 manager, shared TAT information and contact information of two additional supervisors for major parts of the US and Canada.

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

- The President of the Idaho Trucking Association attended the Coalition Build and has begun pursuing getting TAT and BOTL materials added with CDL issuance and renewals.





Final Summary:

The Spokane Coalition Build was a small, but impactful, meeting. Given the strong partnerships with the Washington Trucking Association, the Washington Attorney General's Office and the Washington State Police, strategic efforts to combat human trafficking were only strengthened. Washington State Police have become TAT's main referral for law enforcement agencies interested in doing undercover operations involving either the trucking or bus industry. Due to their successful operations in 2018, they have become a leader in best practices for human trafficking undercover operations. Focused on bringing no harm to the victim, they offer services and resources to the victims they recover and keep pimps and buyers as the target of their investigations. The industry partners represented at the Coalition Build responded actively by taking the TAT training back to their employees, becoming corporate sponsors and sharing about TAT and BOTL with others in the industry as well as law enforcement. Building effective and motivated networks at the local level to combat human trafficking is what the Coalition Builds are meant to accomplish, and that was done through this event.

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