

Human Trafficking Task Force Engagement Opportunities with TAT

In order to effectively fight human trafficking, it takes collaboration and coordination at the local, state and federal levels. Human trafficking task forces are critical to building a cohesive and organized resistance against traffickers who seek to exploit both individuals and businesses for criminal gain. TAT works to build strategic resources and pathways for public-private partnerships that work within the existing infrastructure in a state to fight human trafficking. Truckers Against Trafficking (TAT) and Busing on the Lookout (BOTL) offer resources and strategies for local, regional, and statewide task forces to use as they work to create awareness, training and capacity building within their area.

Statewide task force:

1. Host a Coalition Build with TAT and other key state partners (the state trucking and/or bus association and the Office of the Attorney General).
2. Introduce transit providers to TAT in order to pursue training for transit employees and/or a victim-centered awareness poster campaign.
3. Distribute TAT's Law Enforcement training video to law enforcement statewide, to law enforcement academies and to POST boards.
4. Invite TAT to provide an in-depth law enforcement training with state police.
5. Introduce TAT to the Department of Education or Pupil Transportation director to implement BOTL training for school bus drivers (see school bus toolkit).
6. Add TAT and BOTL to CDL school curriculum (see model draft language).
7. Invite the state trucking association and bus association leadership to participate on the task force.
8. For the Department of Transportation and other state agencies, use TAT's state agency training (see state agency toolkit).
9. Share the Chamber of Commerce toolkit with local chambers.
10. Distribute the casino toolkit to local casinos or industry association contacts.

If you are interested in working with TAT or learning more about any of our programs, please contact Esther Goetsch, Director of Coalition Builds, egoetsch@truckersagainsttrafficking.org

Local/regional task force:

1. Truck stop outreach: contact TAT for training and materials.
2. Bus stop/terminal outreach: contact TAT for training and materials.
3. Invite TAT to speak at a task force meeting.
4. Introduce transit providers to TAT in order to pursue training for transit employees and/or a victim-centered awareness poster campaign.
5. Distribute TAT's Anti-Demand materials (video and brochure) to faith-based groups, men's groups, etc.
6. Distribute Anti-Demand Policies (sample language here) to businesses in the community.
7. Distribute TAT's Law Enforcement training video to local law enforcement.
8. Share the Chamber of Commerce toolkit with the local Chamber.
9. Distribute the casino toolkit to local casinos or industry association contacts.

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