

TRUCKERS AGAINST TRAFFICKING

CO-HOST A TAT COALITION BUILD: BUILDING PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The goal of a TAT Coalition Build is to establish an effective and sustainable working relationship between key industry leaders and law enforcement. These events, based on a model with a proven track-record of success, bring together industry stakeholders from the trucking, bus, truck stop and energy industries with provincial law enforcement and government entities, to ascertain the problem, become trained, build sustainable relationships and learn feasible action steps. The coalition builds are half-day events, starting in the morning with a “human trafficking 101” provided by the attorney general’s office, followed by a TAT training geared specifically toward the industries in the room and a presentation by a survivor-leader/field trainer. Participants then break for lunch and have an opportunity to network, then will return for a law enforcement panel that will delve deeper into trends officers are seeing locally, share case studies, discuss victim-centered approaches and offer recommendations for industry partners wanting to get involved.

Ultimately, TAT coalition builds seek to close loopholes to traffickers who not only exploit victims, but also legitimate businesses. By coming alongside industry, and simultaneously training the law enforcement who will be the first ones arriving on the scene, TAT has seen a much more coordinated approach in combating this crime. For more information, email Esther Goetsch at egoetsch@truckersagainsttrafficking.org.

