

# ADOT Human Trafficking Initiatives

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# This initiative is rooted in transparency

“Transparency is not us telling you everything we know, transparency is telling you **what we can, when appropriate.**”

# Leading the Charge

- AZ Governor's Office Human Trafficking Council Appointee (07/06/2023)
- All ECD employees (261)
- All ADOT employees (3,336)

# Enforcement and Compliance Division

- 261 employees (sworn and civilian)
- Office of Inspector General (OIG-personnel)
- Enforcement Service Bureau (ESB-personnel)
- 22 Ports of Entry Statewide (16 operational)
- 5 fixed VIN Inspection Offices

# Arizona Commercial Vehicle Safety Partnership (ACVSP)

AZDPS CVE personnel = 85

ADOT/ESB Personnel = 145

- All enforcement DVER's issued on inspections now have the "Truckers Against Trafficking" message and website printed on them.

Participation in the annual CVSA Human Trafficking Awareness Week (Jan. 8 to Jan. 12, 2024) yielded

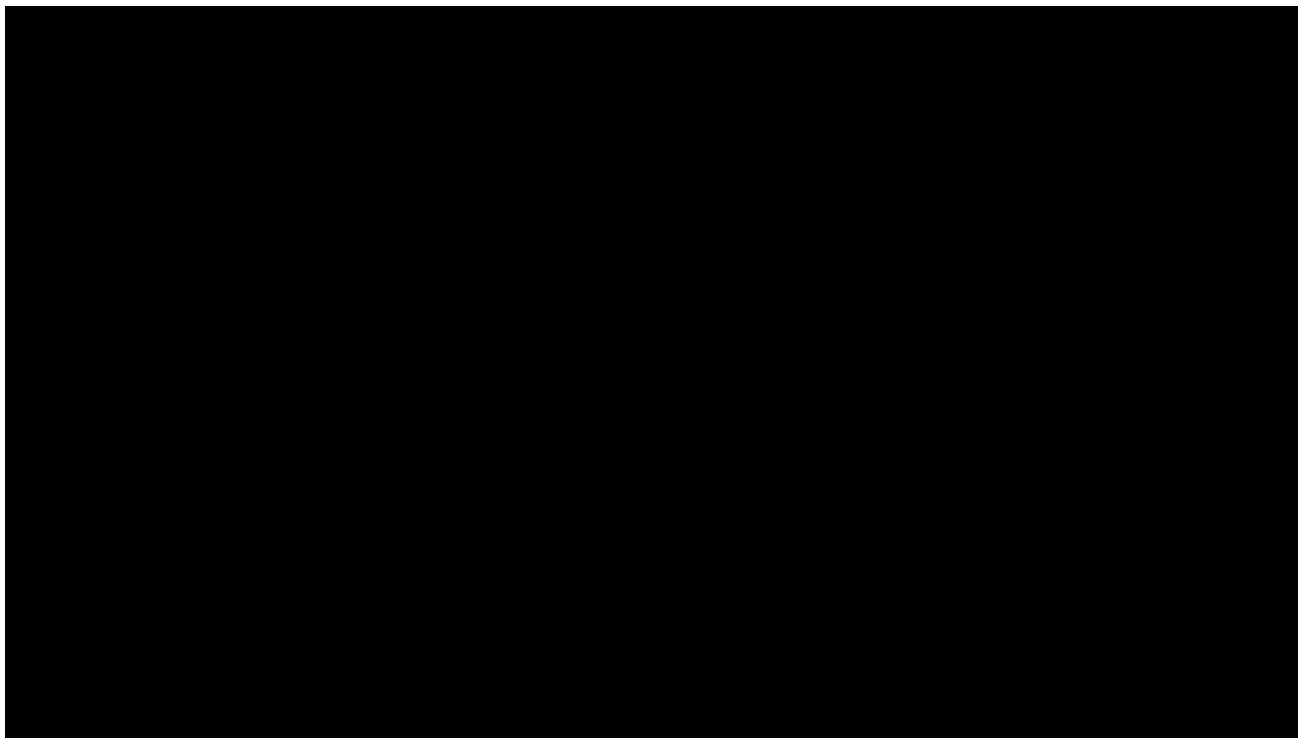
- 104 inspectors participated with 690 inspections conducted issuing awareness materials at POE, roadside inspections, and safety outreaches.
- 8494 TAT wallet cards distributed
- 2953 TAT window decals
- 4 safety presentations with one at the TA Travel Center with TAT representative on-site
- Truck Training Tuesday distributed to all CVE inspectors for indicators and resources when encountering human trafficking

# Truckers Against Trafficking (TAT)

## **Arizona implemented 6/6 elements to fully adopt the IOWA MVE model April 2023**

- ACVSP trained officers/troopers with TAT Law Enforcement DVD and 4 hour in-person training.
- ACVSP stocked ports of entries with TAT material
- ACVSP implemented TAT training as part of mandatory safety meetings for truck and bus companies (BLU).
- ACVSP visited truck stops with TAT material, urging them to train employees and distribute.
- ACVSP ensured that every CDL issued (or renewed) is accompanied with TAT material and information.
- ACVSP visited bus terminals with TAT material, urging them to train employees and display signage.

# Kevin Kimmel Be A Changemaker



# Motor Vehicle Division

MVD CDL Offices provide TAT material to new commercial drivers.

**Warning:** Please do not approach traffickers. Allow law enforcement to deal with traffickers and recover victims. Approaching traffickers is not only dangerous for you and their victims but could lead to problems in the eventual prosecution of traffickers.

**When calling law enforcement:** In order to open an investigation on your tip, they need "actionable information." This would include:

- Descriptions of cars or trucks (make, model, color, license plate, truck and/or USDOT number, etc.) and people (height, weight, hair color, eye color, age, etc.) Take a picture if you can.
- Specific times and dates (When did you see the event in question take place? What day was it?)
- Addresses and locations where suspicious activity took place
- When you contact law enforcement, **tell them you suspect human trafficking, not prostitution.**

**Note:** In the US, there is now a lifetime ban on a CDL for any individual who uses their CMV to commit a felony involving a severe form of human trafficking. All 50 states & DC have a law criminalizing sex trafficking. Some states punish sex traffickers the same as sex traffickers, and most states have a newer-applicable law that prohibits a mistake-of-age defense in prosecutions for having a commercial sex act with any minor.

**Make the Call, Save Lives.**

**1-888-3737-888 (US)**  
**1-833-900-1010 (Canada)**  
**01800-5533-000 (Mexico)**  
**Text INFO or HELP to BeFree (233733)**  
[www.truckersagainstrafficking.org](http://www.truckersagainstrafficking.org)

Human trafficking is modern-day slavery. Traffickers use force, fraud and coercion to control their victims. A minor being sold for sex is a victim of human trafficking, as is any adult under pimp control. While the initial purchase of victims may occur online, the real-time sale of victims can happen in many locations, including truck stops, restaurants, rest areas, hotels/motels, strip clubs, private homes, etc.

**Truckers are the eyes and the ears of our nation's highways. If you suspect someone could be a victim of human trafficking:**

- 1 Call 911** if you're seeing a crime in progress. (See the back of this card for details to take note of when calling 911 or local law enforcement.)
- 2 Call the hotline** to ascertain if you're witnessing human trafficking, to access services, make a report, or share incidents that have been reported to law enforcement.
- 3 Provide support** based on your comfort level:
  - A. Tell management at location what you've seen.
  - B. Ask the victim if you can help and assess how.

**Questions to Ask:**

- Do you keep your own money? If not, who does?
- Do your parents/siblings/relatives know where you are? If not, why not?
- When was the last time you saw your family?
- Is anyone hurting you?
- Are you or your family threatened? How?
- Can you come and go as you please?

**Trafficking Red Flags to Look For:**

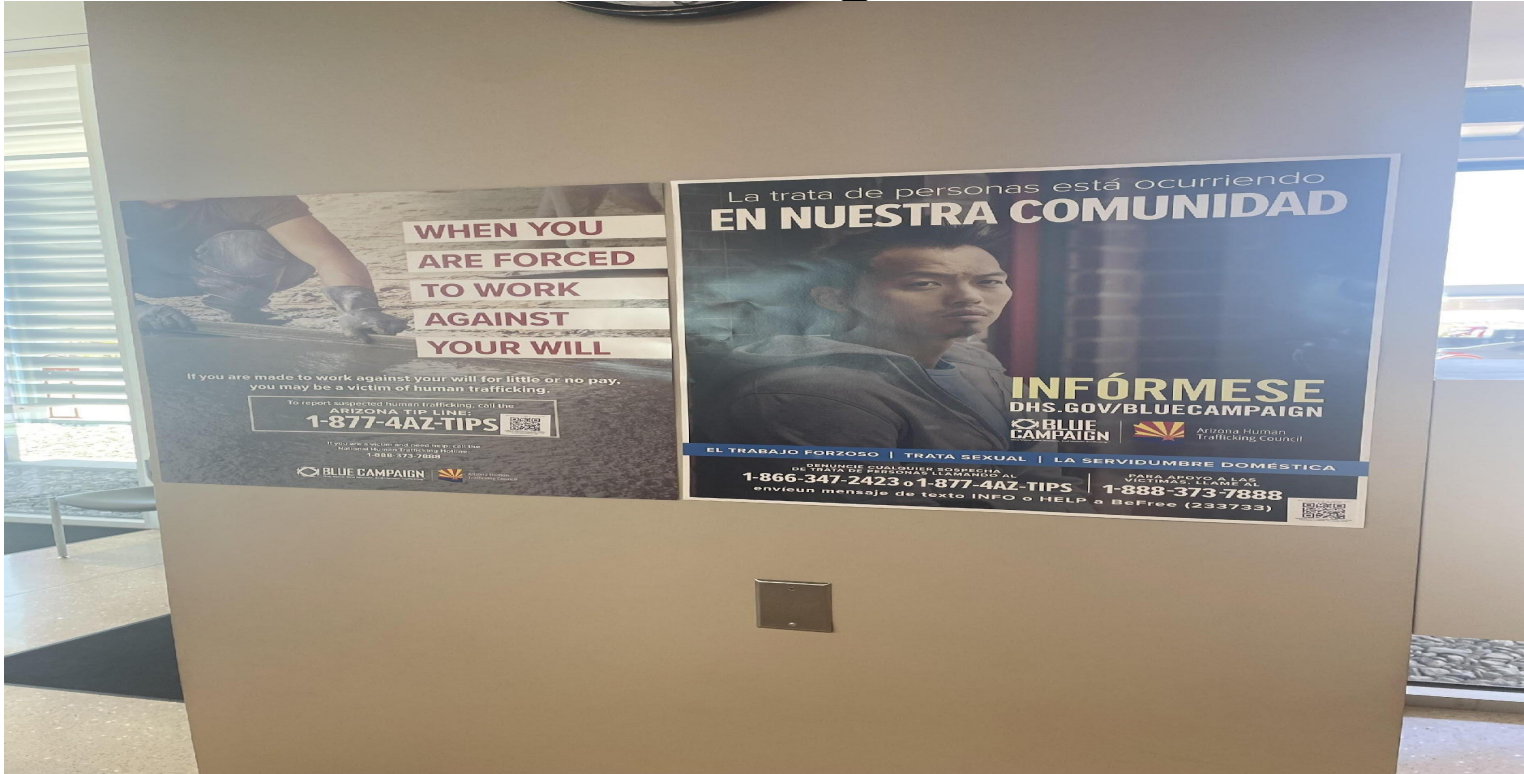
- Lack of knowledge of their whereabouts; not in control of ID/passport.
- Restricted or controlled communication; not allowed to speak for self being watched or followed
- Any mention of making a quota or having a pimp/daddy
- Signs of branding or tattooing of trafficker's name (often on the neck)
- A van, RV or vehicle with multiple women in a mainly male area and/or dropping women off and picking them up 15-20 minutes later
- Signs of bruising

*Operated by Polaris, the US National Human Trafficking Hotline tracks human trafficking data nationwide. Even if you call 911 or local law enforcement, please also report the incident to the hotline.*

**Download the TAT app!**



# AZ Human Trafficking Council Posters



# Bumper Sticker Initiative

Slowing growing legs...



Questions?