Ending Human Trafficking at United States Department of Transportation

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ENDING HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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USDOT LEADERSHIP
Leading By Example

• Addressing human trafficking since 2012 through leadership engagement, training, and raising public awareness.

• Working to ensure the transportation system cannot be used as an enabler for human trafficking.

01 COOPERATION

• Multimodal approach
• Federal, state, local stakeholders
• Airways, roadways, railways, waterways

02 ENGAGEMENT

• Transportation Leaders Against Human Trafficking: Pledges, statements, reporting protocols, training, awareness

03 TRAINING & AWARENESS

• All 55,000 DOT employees mandated to take training
• Training Suite: Aviation, Rail, Motor Coach & Transit
• Bus/Truck Inspectors

• 20,000 Amtrak employees, All Greyhound drivers trained
• Public awareness campaigns
• Can You See Me 2018 at US airports
Transportation Leaders Against Human Trafficking

- 200+ stakeholders since 2012
- Open/voluntary membership
- Maximizing transportation industry’s collective impact
- Five core focus areas

Leadership Engagement
Industry Education & Sharing
Policy Development
Public Awareness & Outreach
Information Sharing & Analysis
**Federal**

**President’s Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking (PITF)**

- Cabinet-level entity
- Created by the TVPA, 2000
- Coordinates federal HT efforts
- Chair: Secretary of State

**Senior Policy Operating Group (SPOG)**

- TVPA amendment, 2003
- PITF member representatives
- Chair: Department of State
- Coordinates
  - Interagency policy, grants & research
  - International HT planning issues
  - TVPA implementation
Blue Lightning Initiative

- DOT/DHS/CBP partnership
- U.S. commercial airlines and stakeholders voluntarily join
- 20 Partners: Airlines, associations, training institutes & global shippers
- Educating employees on identification and notification

Training
Computer-based module for flight/ground personnel; 70k+ trained

Awareness Materials
Printed materials on indicators of potential human trafficking

Notification Methods
Safe/anonymous in-flight and on the ground reporting methods for airline personnel to alert law enforcement
Reporting Mechanisms

**MECHANISM**
- BLI gives law enforcement time to identify victims or potential traffickers, conduct research and analysis, and coordinate response before aircraft arrives.

**IN-FLIGHT**
- Tip line, flight deck communications (ACARS/DEN), airline protocols
- Air Marshall: as last resort without compromising anonymity

**ON GROUND**
- 24/7 ICE/HSI Tip Line
- 24/7 International #

Immediate Danger? Call 911
GLOBAL CAMPAIGN

- Global campaign in partnership with NGO A21
- Pilot Volunteer APEC Economies: Thailand, Vietnam, Australia
- Highlighting best practices, encouraging regional engagement
- Expanding to U.S. transportation hubs in 2018
Can You See Me

U.S. CAMPAIGN

• Beginning January 2018: National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month

• Videos: 2 Sex Trafficking, 2 Labor Trafficking

• Chicago O’Hare: 133 Concourse Screens & Most Hold Rooms

• Amtrak Trains & Stations

• Hotline Collaboration

PRINT & DIGITAL MATERIALS

DOMESTIC AIRPORTS

TRANSPORTATION HUBS
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THAILAND CAMPAIGN

• Launched on July 30th: U.S. World Day Against Trafficking in Persons

• Partners: The Royal Thai Government’s Prime Minister’s Office, The Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, Ministry of Transport

• Tailored to Region: sexual exploitation, forced begging, forced labor.
VIETNAM CAMPAIGN

- Ministry of Transportation agreed to become CYSM APEC economy subject to government approval

- Strong Interest: The Ministry of Labour, Invalids, and Social Affairs (MOLISA); Department of Child Care and Protection (DPCC)

- Under review by Department of International Cooperation

Goal

PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

REPORTING MECHANISMS

AWARENESS TRAININGS
Can You See Me
AUSTRALIA CAMPAIGN

• Being launched off of A21’s successful “It’s a Penalty” campaign harnessing the power of sport.

• Partner: Australian Federal Police (AFP)

• Coordinated, effective, national hotline needed

• Hotline will serve as vehicle to launch campaign

Reporting
Hotline

Tips

Referrals

Training

Data Gathering
Human trafficking is defined differently by domestic and international laws, making data collection challenging, prosecutions limited, and survivors vulnerable when they seek help.
Advocacy

What’s Working

Progress in combating human trafficking has become increasingly effective through prevention, protection, and prosecution.

Cooperation

Multimodal Advocacy

Increased Awareness
PUT THE BRAKES ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING