

Combating Human Trafficking

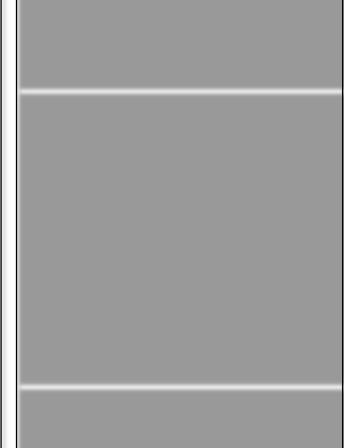
Amtrak Police Department Anti-Trafficking Mitigation Efforts

Human Trafficking in the Railroad Environment

- Human trafficking is a global crisis affecting millions of people, involving the exploitation of individuals for forced labor, sexual servitude, and other forms of coercion.
- Addressing this crime requires understanding the role railroads play in facilitating trafficking and implementing effective countermeasures to combat it.
- Combating human trafficking in the railroad environment requires coordinated efforts that include government and non-government agencies, law enforcement, railroad employees, and the traveling public.









Human Trafficking Awareness Training History

- Amtrak and the Amtrak Police Department (APD)
 have led a multi-year and multi-disciplined effort
 to raise awareness of human trafficking.
- In April of 2012, DHS, DOT and Amtrak partnered in delivering human trafficking awareness training to front-line employees and APD Police Officers.
- After a press conference held later that year to announce the partnership, all Amtrak employees received access to DHS human trafficking awareness training.
- Distribution of training material continued yearly and was refreshed in 2018 with a video developed by the APD.
- The APD Human Trafficking Working Group was launched in October 2020, to develop methods for mitigating the potential for human trafficking in the passenger railroad system.



APD Human Trafficking Working Group (HTWG)

- The HTWG is led by Communications Manager James Lewis and includes a cross section of APD Officers, members of APD Safety & Security Analytics and a member of an NGO service organization.
- The HTWG has developed important partnerships and delivered key programs that have been deployed throughout the U.S.
- Partnerships:
 - Department of Transportation (DOT)
 - Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
 - Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
 - Homeland Security Investigations (HSI)
 - Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)

- Truckers Against Trafficking
- A21
- TwentyFour-Seven, Inc.
- United Against Slavery
- National Child Protection Task Force
- The h3 Project
- National Center for Missing and Exploited Children



Outreach

• Amtrak displays U.S. Department of Homeland Security "Blue Campaign" human trafficking awareness public service announcements and videos provided through a partnership with the U.S. Department of Transportation and the A21 Campaign (a global 501 non-profit, nongovernmental organization that works to fight human trafficking), on video screens located in major stations throughout the Amtrak system.



Outreach

- QR code contact point stickers from Twentyfour Seven were placed in restroom stalls at Amtrak owned stations and non-owned stations where Amtrak has service.
- The QR code directs a trafficking victim to the Polaris website and other information to allow them to access available resources and can generate a tip that there is a victim in one of our facilities.
- The QR code design has been incorporated into the new signage that will be placed in all station and train restroom stalls.



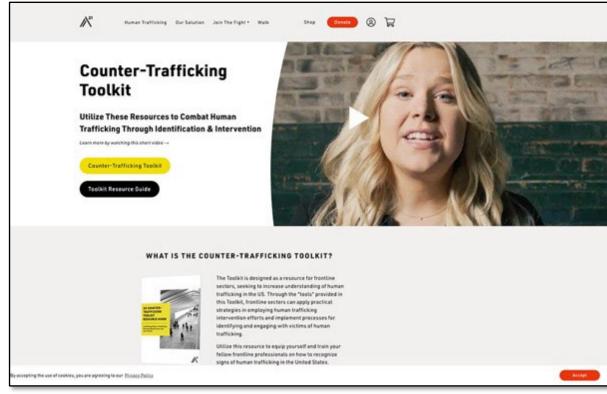




Training

- APD HTWG and A21 partnered to to create the Counter-Trafficking Toolkit for APD Officers.
- In 2023, APD HTWG, DOT and DHS partnered to deliver in-person training to frontline Amtrak employees.
- APD HTWG developed a new human trafficking awareness training program in partnership with Amtrak Human Resources that was rolled out as mandatory training for all Amtrak employees in January 2025.







Human Trafficking Victim Services

- To provide a safe and secure aid to victims escaping their current human trafficking situation.
- FRA representative contacts APD to provide protection for a human trafficking survivor traveling within the Amtrak system.
- Information is collected and provided to command staff in the appropriate areas to facilitate coverage for the move.
- APD Officers meet the survivor and provide aid and protection as they board, travel, and disembark from Amtrak. Updates are provided to the APD Human Trafficking Working Group as the survivor is met and travels through the Amtrak system.
- Five (5) survivors and three children of a survivor have been aided in this method to date.