MISSION:

Truckers Against Trafficking (TAT) exists to educate, equip, empower and mobilize members of the trucking, bus and energy industries to combat domestic sex trafficking as part of their everyday jobs. As part of this mission, TAT also works with law enforcement to provide human trafficking training and ensure they and the commercial vehicle industries are aligned. Trucking, bus and energy industry members can make the calls to report human trafficking, but unless law enforcement is also trained to understand human trafficking and recognize these industry members as their partners in this fight, the calls may be given low priority or ignored. TAT’s law enforcement training works to prevent this obstacle by ensuring that both law enforcement and members of the trucking, bus and energy industries hear the same messaging about human trafficking and see each other as a reliable resource.

GOALS:

Train law enforcement officers to:

1. Understand human trafficking and the ways it overlaps with prostitution.
2. Implement a victim-centered approach in interactions with potential victims.
3. Recognize trafficking indicators (observations/behaviors/red flag indicators) during inspections and interdiction stops.
4. Adopt practical strategies statewide to combat human trafficking through the implementation of TAT’s Iowa MVE Model
5. Recognize the trucking, bus and energy industries as allies in the fight against human trafficking.
6. Share resources to create relationships between law enforcement, trucking, busing and energy.