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Michigan State Police join forces with Truckers Against Trafficking

Joining the ranks of many other state departments and trucking associations, the Michigan State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division has announced its partnership with Truckers Against Trafficking.

Already in effect since Feb. 1, the commercial vehicle enforcement division will provide all of the motor carrier officers with awareness training as it pertains to human trafficking. District coordinators will work directly with truck stop managers to present training to carriers and make direct contact with truckers, according to a press release.

To spread the message, officers will disseminate 17,000 TAT wallet cards and other materials to drivers, carriers and travel plaza managers. Included in the partnership will be posters provided to the Michigan Department of Transportation to place in all Michigan rest areas and welcome centers.

According to the Michigan Attorney General's Office, Attorney General Bill Schuette established the state's first Human Trafficking Unit back in 2011. The unit focuses its efforts on prosecuting human traffickers.

Last month, *Land Line* reported that the Virginia Trucking Association had joined forces with TAT. The move came shortly after a trucker's report of suspicious behavior led to the arrest of an Iowa couple who had kidnapped a young woman. VTA will coordinate with local and state agencies.

Michigan State Police joins the Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association and more than 100 companies registered with Truckers Against Trafficking, including 32 other state trucking associations and more than 100,000 individual trained employees. Individual drivers and companies can register by going to TAT's [website](#) and clicking "Trained."

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