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# Texas Truckers join the fight against Human Trafficking

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SAN ANTONIO -- The Texas Attorney General's Office has just announced a new partnership with the Texas Trucking Association and Truckers Against Trafficking (TAT).

This new formed coalition is devoted to combating human trafficking across the state through training of the trucking industry.

"We're on the front lines basically", said truck driver Derek Bennett.

Bennett tells News 4 San Antonio he's been driving for almost 30 years, and has seen it all. "Some good and some bad".

Life on the road can expose some pretty dark places, but truckers can help bring them to light.

"We have had some success stories within our own company", said Ryan Farris, the District Manager for Travels Centers of America for this area.

Farris says his company was the first trucking industry partner to join the nationwide Truckers Against Trafficking Campaign.

"We had a young boy that was found, it was alerted by one of our employees and fortunately he was rescued further up the road in the state of Iowa.

The State of Texas has just teamed up with the trucking industry to make sure truckers know about the signs of trafficking, and how to report it.

"You may be hearing radio chatter where people are being offered for sale", said Kirsta Leeburg Melton, with the Texas Attorney General's Office.

Texas is the second highest in the nation for number of calls to the National Human Trafficking Resources Center, and Houston has the highest number of trafficking victims in the nation.

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