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## Truckers Against Trafficking Seeks to Build on Success

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Efforts to put the trucking industry on the front lines to combat human trafficking are succeeding, but more involvement is needed, Kylla Lanier, deputy director and co-founder of Truckers Against Trafficking told Transport Topics.

A Freedom Drivers Project educational trailer was in the Bridgestone booth at the Mid-America Trucking Show. The trailer detailed the problem and held testimonials of how truckers had helped rescue some who were trapped in that life.

“We have thousands of our American kids who are pulled into the sex industry every year,” Lanier said. “What traffickers are looking for is vulnerability.”

An increasing number of truck stops, independent drivers, fleets, driver training schools and state trucking associations are becoming aware of the issue and how to help.

“We would like to see 100% participation, training every single driver ... Trafficking is not just a trucking issue, it’s an everywhere issue. But truckers are everywhere, and that’s why we know truckers can make a difference,” she said.

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