

Kansas truck drivers join the fight against human trafficking

TOPEKA, Kan. (WIBW)- Kansas truck drivers will soon be the eyes and ears for law enforcement in the fight against human trafficking.



Truckers Against Trafficking has partnered up with the Kansas Motor Carriers Association and the State of Kansas to combat human trafficking in Kansas.

“They are in places where most of us are not,” said Esther Goetsch, coalition build [specialist](#), Truckers Against Trafficking. “They may be seeing thing and able to report it to law enforcement while the crime is happening.”

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt announced the partnership

Thursday at the Capital Plaza Hotel. He says the [program](#) is to build relationships between law enforcement and truckers.

Schmidt says [support](#) services are available for survivors, but this program translates the commitment to survivors into intervention and action.

“Those resources only work when we can connect them with victims and perpetrators, we have to know the real people, in real time, where to deploy [assets](#) and resources,” Schmidt said.

Through the [partnership](#) members of the Kansas Motor Carriers Association will learn the skills needed to help fight back against traffickers.

“That’s what makes it critical,” Goetsch said. “If they have the right tools to be trained and equipped to report those crimes, law enforcement are [going to](#) be able to hopefully recover more victims and arrest more pimps.”

Truckers Against Trafficking also brought the Freedom Drivers Project truck to Topeka. The 48-foot mobile exhibit is designed to [educate](#) citizens about human trafficking. This is the first time the truck has made a stop in Kansas.

If you suspect someone the being the victim of human trafficking you are urged to call the national hotline at 1-888-373-7888.