



## ARIZONA HUMAN TRAFFICKING COUNCIL MINUTES

March 1, 2016

9:00 AM

1700 West Washington Street,  
Governor's 2nd Floor Conference Room  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

A meeting of the Arizona Human Trafficking Council (Council) was convened on March 1, 2016 at 9:02 AM in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, 1700 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. Notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the Council.

### Members Present

Cindy McCain (Co-Chairperson)	Gary McCarthy
Gil Orrantia (Co-Chairperson)	Jon Eliason
Allie Bones	Sheila Polk (via phone)
Doug Coleman	Dominique Roe-Sepowitz
Robert Conrad	Brian Steele
Carolyn Jones	Zora Manjencich
Joseph Kelroy	Greg McKay
Frank Milstead	Debbie Johnson
Jim Waring	

### Members Absent

Paul Boyer  
Randy Christensen  
Tanya Cordor  
Tim Jefferies  
Zora Manjencich

### Staff Present

Debbie Moak  
John Raeder

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Gil Orrantia called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

#### 2. INTRODUCTIONS

Mrs. McCain welcomed those in attendance and asked the Council members to briefly introduce themselves.

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (ACTION)**

Minutes for the meeting held January 27, 2016 were reviewed. Ms. Deb Johnson motioned to approve the January 27, 2016 minutes as drafted. The motion was seconded by Col. Frank Milstead. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **4. THE TOR DARK WEB**

Special Agent (SA) Pete Manning and Special Agent Gregory Squire, Homeland Security Investigations, provided a presentation on the TOR dark web. They explained that the dark web was similar to the open web except users are routed through various encrypted networks around the world which eliminate IP addresses and locations. The dark web is also unindexed by search engines, and accessible only with special browsers such as the Onion Router also known as Tor. Because of the anonymity, TOR sites often offer hidden services such as child pornography and trafficking. Users can locate the sites through "trailheads" or encrypted emails. The tradecraft used by traffickers on Tor is similar to that used by terrorist networks.

SA Manning and SA Squire discussed what was being done by law enforcement to combat the illegal activity occurring on Tor. They stated that Homeland Security Investigations examines links between users on Tor and the open web and can pick-off lower level or less experienced users in order to find links to higher level "players". This proactive approach and enhanced collaboration at the federal, state, local and international level has led to a dramatic increase in the number of children rescued.

Mr. Orrantia asked how Homeland Security Investigations works with local communities.

SA Squire noted that illegal activity on the dark web is a global problem, and collaboration with agencies is different depending on the location.

Mr. Jim Waring asked how sophisticated a user would need to be to access the dark web.

SA Manning explained that accessing the dark web is as easy as downloading a browser.

Mrs. McCain asked how users on the dark web find each other.

SA Manning responded that instructions can be obtained on the open web.

Mrs. McCain asked about any apps that traffickers use to find victims.

SA Squire explained that all apps are easily accessible to traffickers. Parents must be educated on the dangers and closely monitor online access. He stated that allowing children online without supervision is analogous to dropping them off at a city park.

Mr. Brian Steele asked if there are any best practices for victims to limit possible retaliation by traffickers.

SA Manning recommended that victims digitally disappear. He also suggested that warrants and police reports must be done carefully to protect victim identification.

## **5. THORN UPDATE**

Ms. Julie Cordua, Chief Executive Officer, THORN, provided a presentation on THORN's efforts to use technology to fight child exploitation. She explained that THORN works on the following: Identifying victims more rapidly and connecting them with resources; deterring predatory behavior online; disrupting platforms where abuse occurs; and research on new and emerging trends.

Ms. Cordua also updated the Council on THORN's Spotlight software which takes the massive amounts of data available online and turns it into an asset for law enforcement. The purpose of Spotlight is to eliminate manual searching of online sex ads which improves effectiveness and efficiency of sex trafficking investigations. Spotlight provides law enforcement with intelligence and leads about suspected human trafficking networks and leverages machine learning algorithms and insights from officers in the field. Ms. Cordua noted that Spotlight is used in 49 states by 482 different agencies and has reduced the time it takes to investigate human trafficking cases by 42%.

Ms. Cordua concluded by discussing future innovations for Spotlight, including: functions to examine posting patterns, incorporating new data sources and advanced photo analysis. These accomplishments and advancements are possible because of collaboration and support from companies like Google, Twitter and Facebook.

Dr. Roe-Sepowitz noted the difficulty of doing research when working with illegal digital materials.

Ms. Cordua acknowledged that research was difficult, but noted that Thorn was examining what data could be collected under the law.

Mr. Brian Steele asked how survivor input is considered and how Thorn interacts with non-profit organizations.

Ms. Cordua responded that survivor input drives the work of Thorn and determines the direction of technological development. She continued by stating that Thorn also encourages law enforcement to work directly with non-profits when conducting trafficking investigations and/or operations.

## **6. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TRAFFICKING INTERDICTION PROGRAM**

Captain Jennifer Pinnow, Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS), presented on DPS's Interdiction for the Protection of Children (IPC) Program. Captain Pinnow explained that DPS has conducted four IPC trainings in Arizona since July 2014, and a train-the-trainer class in September 2015. The training teaches officers how to identify factors that indicate a child has been trafficked and specific questions to ask in a potential trafficking situation.

Captain Pinnow stated that 626 law enforcement, Department of Child Safety, probation, prosecutors and child advocacy center staff have been trained. As a result 28 children have been rescued during traffic stops, four possible child human trafficking victims were identified and 12 high risk threats to children were identified. DPS is also conducting Crimes Against Children Operations and Human Trafficking Truck Stop Operations.

Captain Pinnow stated that DPS has the following goals for 2016:

- Provide IPC training to troopers and other law enforcement, probation, Department of Child Safety and prosecutors in Arizona;

- Increase the number of child rescues; and
- Increase troopers' reporting of child rescues and high risk threats to children.

Dr. Roe-Sepowitz stated that she was working with Captain Pinnow and the Arizona Department of Transportation to develop training materials.

Mr. Orrantia stated that the Council was available to assist DPS.

Mrs. McCain asked if DPS was using the Spotlight software.

Captain Pinnow explained that DPS does not have a specialty unit; however the software is used by troopers.

Col. Milstead stated that DPS was developing an app which would incorporate Spotlight.

## **7. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Outreach and Awareness Committee**

Ms. Debbie Johnson provided an update on the train-the-trainer project with Arizona State University. The Project will include (3) train-the-trainer trainings in Arizona, to last four (4) hours each, for a total of 100 attendees. All attendees will receive a certificate of completion and become a certified member of the Arizona Human Trafficking Speakers Bureau.

### **Policy Committee**

Mr. Brian Steele noted that the Policy Committee held their first meeting on February 29<sup>th</sup>. The Committee discussed Safe Harbor legislation and plans for developing an education platform for licensing and contracting for non-profit providers.

### **Training Committee**

Dr. Roe-Sepowitz highlighted several human trafficking trainings and events that had occurred over the last several months.

Mr. John Raeder noted that the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family was working on new trainings for the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections and for court appointed special advocates (CASAs). He also noted a new partnership with the Department of Health Services EMS Bureau.

## **8. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Captain Paul Tosca, Tucson Police Department, provided an update on the Pima County Human Trafficking Taskforce.

## **9. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 10:57 AM.