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CTAA Announces New Crime and Human Trafficking Prevention for Smaller Transit Resource Center

Washington, D.C. – February 3, 2023. The Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA), along with its partners at the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) and the Southwest Transit Association (SWTA), are excited to announce that the *Crime and Human Trafficking Prevention for Smaller Transit Agencies* [website](#) and accompanying resources are now live.

This new resource center serves to achieve multiple goals:

- To improve existing educational materials for transit agencies on human trafficking, operator assault and public safety;
- To develop new learning tools; and
- To provide resources targeted specifically for smaller urban, rural and tribal transit providers, such as:
 - Human Trafficking Transit Worker Approaches to Identification and Intervention Self-Directed Training with accompanying quiz
 - Demand-Side of Human Trafficking Social Media Toolkit
 - Forced Labor Toolkit
 - Tribal Communities Human Trafficking and Transportation Toolkit

“We are excited to introduce this first of its kind resource to the community and public transit industry,” said CTAA’s Executive Director Scott Bogren. “The project team harnessed the expertise of transit stakeholders, researchers and human trafficking experts in creating these valuable educational materials, resources and trainings. We strongly believe that these new tools will help smaller transit systems combat human trafficking and forced labor; and empower their staff and riders to help protect vulnerable populations.”



“The SWTA Nation is pleased to partner with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), CTAA and TTI on these important new resources to support the public transit industry in combatting human trafficking and enhancing crime prevention,” said SWTA Executive Director Rich Sampson. “We know these tools and products were designed incorporating first-hand perspectives from survivors and experts on these crucial topics and tailored to the needs of transit providers of all sizes and communities.”

“Empowering the community with accessible and actionable information is a critical component of this project and we’re very proud to see these resources go live so that people can begin to leverage them,” said TTI’s Principal Investigator, Zachary Elgart. “Education and awareness are key, and we’re already looking forward to continuing our work with CTAA and SWTA in the future to add new resources to the toolkit.”



This [website](#) and the resources it houses were developed through a grant from the FTA. The project team (CTAA, TTI and SWTA) was funded to develop a program of Interactive Learning Resources and Guidance for Improving Crime Prevention and Safety for the Public and Transit Employees in response to the FTA’s Crime Prevention and Public Safety grant program (FTA-2019-007-TSO).

The Community Transportation Association, established in 1989, is a national non-profit, membership association committed to removing barriers to isolation and improving mobility for all people. The Association provides informational resources, technical assistance, training and certification, and many additional resources to communities, transportation providers, and other groups to increase mobility and improve the quality of community and public transportation.