

Minnesota Department of Public Safety



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Human Trafficking Task Forces

2020 Sex Trafficking Investigation Task Forces

Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA)- Minnesota Human Trafficking Investigative Task Force (MNHITF)

Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Police Department- Tribes United against Sex Trafficking (TRUST) Task Force

Stearns County Attorney's Office- Central MN Sex Trafficking Task Force

Washington County Sheriff's Department- East Metro Sex Trafficking Task Force



Impact



From 1/1/2018-12/31/20 collectively the task forces:

- Received 1260 sex trafficking reports, investigating 1113 (more than a phone call) of the reports
- 323 of the reports involved a juvenile
- 354 of the investigations resulted in cases

Referral Sources

Child Protection Referral	Hotline Referral	Social Services Referral	Victim Services Referral	911 Call Referral	Referral from Other Law Enforcement	School Liaison Referral	Other Referrals	Total
199	164	44	74	13	512	9	247	1260

Charges and Convictions

Charge Type	Charges	Convictions
609.33 Disorderly House Charge	1	0
617.245 and 617.246 Use of a Minor in Sexual Performance Charge	6	2
609.903 Racketeering Charge	6	1
609.322 Inducement and Promotion of Prostitution; Sex Trafficking Charge	131	47
609.352 Solicitation of a Child Charge	164	86
609.324 Other Prostitution Charges	306	178
609.342 Criminal Sexual Conduct Related to Human Trafficking Charge*	2	2
TOTAL	616	316

MN Human Trafficking Investigators Task Force

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Minnesota Human Trafficking Investigators Task Force is to provide coordinated and collaborative statewide assistance with human trafficking investigations, prosecutions, victim recoveries and trainings through a victim centered approach.

Full Time Members:

- Saint Paul Police Department
- Minneapolis Police Department
- Anoka County Sheriffs Office
- Hennepin County Sheriffs Office
- Homeland Security Investigators
- Bureau of Criminal Apprehension
- Ramsey County Attorney's Office

Structure

Full-time members report to BCA daily

One case management system

- ACISS to include Evidence Intake
- State-wide system
- Same system as bordering WI

One De-confliction system

Commander to approve operations plans/reports

State-wide jurisdiction/coverage

- Assignment to each Safe Harbor Regional Navigator

National Human Trafficking Hotline (888)373-7888

- Statewide Response to tips
 - Past protocols
 - Present protocols
- Collaborating/assisting with the jurisdiction related to the tips
- BCA Operations 24/7 response
 - (651)793-7000

Large Events

- SIMPLE: SUPPLY and DEMAND
- SUPER BOWL, NCAA, PGA and Pipeline

Traffickers go specifically to where the demand is:

- ND HT Commander
- Man Camps or similar
- Vehicle stops, highly mobile crime
- Opportunists

Violent Crime Coordinating Council

- Minnesota Statutes 299A.642
- Authorized in 2010
- The council's primary duty is to "develop an overall strategy to ameliorate the harm caused to the public by gang and drug crime within the state of Minnesota."

Violent Crime Coordinating Council

- 21 Violent Crime Enforcement Teams covering 70 counties with over 200 full time Investigators.
- 2020 VCET grants totaled \$4,821,926 which included \$3,726,380 in state funds and \$555,546 in Federal Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds.
- Task Force
 - Structure
 - Requirements
- Trends and Outcomes

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Questions?