

#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE COMBATING Volume 3 TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS PROGRAM OFFICE October 2017

# **Quarterly CTIP Newsletter**

### **Revitalization of CTIP General Awareness Training**

The CTIP Office re-designed its General Awareness training based on an analysis of responses to CTIP-related questions in the 2016 *Status of Forces Survey for Active Duty Member*. The new training describes the prevalence of DoD-related human trafficking; explains how human trafficking can affect mission readiness; describes the human trafficking concerns in DoD; explains the basic characteristics of human trafficking crimes; and explains your role in combating human trafficking.

The re-designed training is structured in a question and answer format, where a learner asks a question and a commander, leader, or

human trafficking point of contact answers. The CTIP Office was fortunate to have leaders from each of the Combatant Commands participate in the filming of the training videos.

NORTHCOM: Deputy Chief, Joint Exercise Division SOUTHCOM: Director of Operations CENTCOM: Director FWD Operational Contract Support PACOM: Director for Pacific Outreach, J9 EUCOM: Chief, Counter Transnational Threats Division AFRICOM: Deputy to the Commander for Military Operations Joint Chiefs of Staff: Joint Staff J-1, Personnel Readiness Division

The redesigned course also localized information that allows learners to click on a world map to access real case examples of sex and labor trafficking from around the world. This design has allowed the training to be shortened to approximately 10 - 15 minutes. The anticipated release date is Fall 2017.

### Human Exploitative Rescue Operative (HERO) Child Rescue Corps



In April 2013, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's and U.S. Special Operations Command (SOCOM), in conjunction with the National Association to Protect Children (PROTECT) developed the HERO Child-Rescue Corps. The program is staffed with military veterans and transitioning service members who are looking for a new law enforcement career as elite, highly trained counter-child exploitation professionals. The program focuses is on the use of computer forensics to assist in the identification and rescue of child victims of online sexual exploitation. Efforts by the Corps have led to the identification and rescue of hundreds of victims of child sexual exploitation.

In the News:

CNN, "Injured U.S. vets now hunting child predators" (April 4, 2016).

ICE, "HERO grad plays key role in child exploitation investigation" (February 2, 2017).

To learn more about the program and internship opportunities, click here.



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### National Human Trafficking Awareness Day Seminar

## Contributed by: Pentagon Force Protection Agency (PFPA)

January 8 - 12, 2018 – PFPA is planning to commemorate National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month with a week-long series of awareness events, in collaboration with the Defense Human Resources Activity, DoD Policy Support Directorate; CTIP Program Office; the DoD Office of the Chaplain; and CTIP representatives from Defense Contract Management Agency, Department of Defense Education Activity and the Department of State. This event will earmark the very first Pentagonwide CTIP awareness campaign.



The week of awareness events will include: an NGO Information Booth (January 8), the viewing of a Documentary on Domestic Child Sex Trafficking (January 9), a Prayer Breakfast (January 10), and a Survivor Question and Answer session (January 12). The main event, a Human Trafficking Awareness Day Seminar, will take place on January 11, 2018. It will feature opening remarks by a DoD senior leader to be determined (TBD), an overview of trafficking issues in the National Capital Region by the Washington Field Office – FBI Special Agent Supervisor of the Crimes Against Children Task Force, and a moderated panel discussion with the Executive Director of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children Case Analysis Division and two celebrity guest advocates (TBD). All events will take place at various locations within the Pentagon. Specific times and locations will be announced closer to the event date. The event will take the place of the January Quarterly CTIP Task Force meeting.

### **DoD CTIP Program Office Updates**

NDAA Brief to Congress: The CTIP Office finalized a brief to Congress on efforts to end modern slavery, as required by section 1298 of the NDAA for FY 2017. Section 1298 requests the Secretary of Defense provide a briefing to Congress on Department of Defense policies, education, and training activities to combat human trafficking, as well as "circumstances in which members of the Armed Forces are authorized to take immediate action to prevent loss of life or serious injury, and the authority to use appropriate force to stop or prevent sexual abuse or exploitation of children."

Additional Training Updates: The CTIP Office released updates to its Standard Curriculum Toolkit and Leadership Toolkit. The training materials include updates to laws and policies, as well as TIP cases.

### **Interagency Activities**

U.S. Advisory Council Annual Report on Human Trafficking: The U.S. Advisory Council's 2017 report focuses on areas in which progress was made in addressing <u>2016 recommendations</u> and where additional progress is needed. The report will be released in late fall on the U.S. Department of State Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons website at <u>https://www.state.gov/j/tip/</u>.

International Labor Organization, "2017 Global Estimate of Modern Slavery and Child Labour:" The International Labour Organization, in collaboration with the Walk Free Foundation, will release its 2017 Global Estimate on Modern Slavery and Child Labour this fall. The estimate is one of the most widely used statistic on the prevalence of human trafficking worldwide.