

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS



TCSO Employees Wearing Blue – Photo by Kristen Dark

On January 11th, TCSO joined the nation in wearing blue to bring awareness to [National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month](#). Human trafficking is the exploitation of vulnerable people for labor or sex through the use of force, fraud, or coercion. Trafficking victims, many of whom are children, aren't limited to race, color, gender, or socioeconomic status. They are people you see every day. It *can* happen [here](#).

Sadly, Texas is one of the top states for human trafficking due to its size, ease of highway access and its shared border with Mexico. As part of the [Central Texas Human Trafficking Task Force](#), TCSO is committed to serving victims and apprehending traffickers.

There are many [indicators](#) that someone may be a victim or a potential victim of human trafficking; the Department of Homeland Security lists several on its website. If you are a victim or have information regarding the possibility of someone being in a trafficking situation, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline: 1 (888) 373-7888 or [contact them online](#).