

# Human Trafficking Strategy Implementation One Year Update

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# Port Human Trafficking Strategy

On January 9, Commission passed a motion committing staff to finalizing and implementing a Port-wide strategy to combat human trafficking with four main focus areas:



# Why a Port Anti-Trafficking Effort?



## The Seattle Times

### BUSTED

How police brought down a tech-savvy prostitution network in Bellevue

Don Mueller and others who operated brothels in Bellevue apartments

would drop off and pick up South Korean women from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

Some of the women flew directly from South

Korea, while others came from other U.S. cities.

# Why a Port Anti-Trafficking Effort?

- A major global issue, including in the United States
- Washington had the 12th highest call volume to the National Human Trafficking Hotline.
- **Our Role:**
  - As both the owner/operator of an airport and a wide array of maritime facilities
  - As a major employer
  - As a public sector leader

# Implementation Progress to-Date Overview

<b>Required Tactic</b>	<b>Achievements</b>	<b>Status</b>
Policies & Protocols	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Implemented internal policy</li><li>• Engaging in national working group to standardize for all transportation providers</li></ul>	Completed
Public Awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Launched regional human trafficking campaign with Seattle, King County, Sound Transit and others</li></ul>	In Progress
Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contracted with BEST to develop and implement trainings</li><li>• Port Police have developed their own law enforcement-specific training plan</li></ul>	In Progress
Partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Developed local, state and national (USDOT, AAPA) partnerships</li></ul>	In Progress

# Public Awareness



**HE LIED ABOUT THE  
JOB, NOW HE  
WON'T LET ME LEAVE.**

**HELP STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING.  
AYUDE A TERMINAR CON LA  
EXPLOTACIÓN DE PERSONAS.**

National Human Trafficking Hotline  
1-888-3737-888 or text 233733

WATraffickingHelp.org

King County City of Seattle Port of Seattle SOUNDTRANSIT

SEXUAL ASSAULT ON AIRPLANES IS A CRIME. HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS A CRIME.

## THIS AIRPORT IS A SAFE SPACE

The Port of Seattle Police will investigate **all complaints of inappropriate behavior** during flights or throughout the terminal.

If you are assaulted, harassed or being forced to travel against your will, **say something.**

 **If you need help Call 911**

## END HUMAN TRAFFICKING HERE. ANYWHERE.



**JANUARY IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH**

The Port of Seattle works with local transportation and travel industries, law enforcement agencies and nonprofits to save lives and prevent trafficking.

Learn more about how employers and businesses can help.  
[www.bestalliance.org](http://www.bestalliance.org)

 

# Questions?

