

IAWP Resolution #01-2013

Prevention and Intervention of Human Trafficking

Submitted by: Chief Leanne Fitch, Fredericton Police Force on behalf of the IAWP Resolutions Committee

Commentary:

Human Trafficking is the recruitment, transportation and harbouring of people for the purpose of exploitation in the forms of labour, sex trade workers or as forced servants. It is a basic human rights violation and intolerable in any society.

In documents prepared by and distributed by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Human Trafficking National Coordination Center (HTNCC) they have requested widespread assistance in raising awareness on this complex and borderless activity that victimizes innocent and vulnerable people.

It is recognized by the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police that the issue of Human Trafficking requires integrated and global efforts and increased awareness. On March 29, 2011 the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Ottawa Police Service and the Canadian Association of Chief's of Police hosted Canada's first national conference on Human Trafficking in an effort to join law enforcement, prosecutions, victims services and non-governmental organizations together in an effort to address this growing issue.

In a letter written by RCMP Superintendent Shirley Cuillierier the Director of Immigration and Passport Branch it is explained that

the HTNCC “works in collaboration with international, national, provincial and municipal agencies, and non-governmental organizations to develop policies, tools, mechanisms and initiatives to fight human trafficking in Canada and abroad. In addition the HTNCC gathers, coordinates and disseminates tactical and strategic information/intelligence to law enforcement agencies across the country”. The HTNCC works in conjunction with Canadian Crime Stoppers in an effort to receive information.

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Whereas: Human Trafficking is the recruitment, transportation and harbouring of people for the purpose of exploitation in the forms of labour, sex trade workers or as forced servants.

Whereas: Human Trafficking is a violation of basic human rights and intolerable in any society.

Whereas: the Human Trafficking National Coordination Center (HTNCC) has requested widespread assistance in raising awareness on this complex and borderless activity that victimizes innocent and vulnerable people.

Therefore Be It Resolved: that the International Association of Women Police recommends that the commentary report titled - *Prevention and Intervention of Human Trafficking*, be adopted by all IAWP members and that the recommendations specific to law enforcement and the mission, vision and values of the IAWP be endorsed and implemented, and;

Be It Further Resolved: that the International Association of Women Police recommends that all affiliate organisations of the IAWP and all police agencies review this resolution in the context of their organizations and implement changes to policy and procedure accordingly.

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Media Lines:

- The International Association of Women Police recognizes the need to combat the illegal and shameful practice of Human Trafficking worldwide that victimizes and exploits women, children and men by depriving rights, freedoms and imposes various forms of labour and sexual slavery.
- There is growing consensus in communities around the world that Human Trafficking exploits and victimizes innocent and vulnerable people and is recognized as a rapidly growing and serious issue.
- As leaders of progressive change in law enforcement, the IAWP supports the continuous evolution of laws and strategies designed to combat Human Trafficking.
- The IAWP recommends that law enforcement agencies link together within the profession and within communities in a collaborative effort to achieve consistent, efficient and effective results in combatting Human Trafficking.
- The IAWP stance on the issue of Human Trafficking aims to strengthen unity of effort and raise awareness around the world.