

BENEATH THE SURFACE

Sex Trafficking Victim Training for Law Enforcement



"The strongest part of the training was making me aware of the reasons that a victim may not want to talk to me or want my help."

Police Captain, Georgia



Within seven months of being trained in 2017, the Tuscaloosa, Alabama Police Department rescued thirteen sex trafficking victims.

Beneath the Surface speakers are trained by the National Organization for Victim Assistance



If you'd like to have a Rescuing Hope Victim's Advocate present when interacting with a victim, or potential victim, call 678-388-9551.

For Assistance:
Georgia Coalition to Combat Human Trafficking
866-363-4842
National Human Trafficking Hotline
888-373-7888

The most significant barrier to helping victims of sex trafficking is also the most basic:

identifying them.

In a 2016 survey of survivors, **90%** reported being arrested during the time they were trafficked, **42%** were arrested more than nine times, and **60%** were arrested for crimes other than prostitution and drug-related offenses.

These interactions didn't end with the victim exiting a life of exploitation, not because law enforcement didn't care, but because *they had no idea they were looking at a victim.*

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Beneath the Surface equips law enforcement to recognize victims, even during routine operations such as traffic stops and petty thefts, and assist them in receiving much needed services.
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WHAT PARTICIPANTS LEARN:

- How traffickers recruit victims and maintain control of them
- How to recognize the indicators of a trafficking victim
- The myths and stereotypes that can result in a missed opportunity to assist a victim
- What trauma does to the brain and how this can affect a victim's thinking and behavior
- How to interact with a victim using trauma informed care for the best chance to help them
- How to access resources for help, including Victim's Advocates

For more information and to request this P.O.S.T. certified training, email training@rescuinghope.com.

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