



Southwest Human and Sex Trafficking

POLICE DEPARTMENTS INCLUDE YUMA, SAN LUIS, SOMERTON,
WELLTON, COCOPAH, QUECHAN AND YUMA COUNTY SHERIFF

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- ▶ Advocacy centers that assist in victim services include:
 - ▶ Amberly's place
 - ▶ Healing Journey – Yuma
 - ▶ Yuma Regional Medical Center
 - ▶ (connection to Phoenix Dream Center)

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- ▶ Identified Issues where trafficking occurs:
 - ▶ Illegal Border Crossings – Agency's involved are Federal, Border Patrol. Difficulty in identifying victims due to processing procedures.
 - ▶ Interstate Travel – Major truck route from California to east coast.
 - ▶ Migrant workers – Vast majority of workers come from Mexico, Salinas California.
 - ▶ Dove Hunting Season – considered the dove hunting capital of the United States.

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- ▶ Enforcement difficulties:
 - ▶ No Task force devoted to investigate.
 - ▶ Lack of training, education, recognition, and department resources.