## INTERDICTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN PROGRAM & HUMAN TRAFFICKING INTEL NETWORK

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## **Rescued Child**

Any child a trooper takes physical custody of or directly intervenes and influences the possession of, who has been identified as at risk of victimization, a known child victim or missing.

- A child is any person under the age of 18
- Victimization includes sexual assault, exploitation, trafficking, abuse, or missing
- At risk of victimization When a trooper intervened before any victimization occurred and can articulate the risk of harm or victimization was present.

Interdiction for the Protection of Children Program

- 28 classes/ over 1,300 attendees/78 agencies
- Developed one-day class
- Attendance in-person and virtually
- Eight classes in FY2022 in Phoenix, Tucson and Flagstaff
- Upcoming Classes:
  - February 16 Tucson PD
  - March 16 Camp Navajo
  - April 15 Casa Grande PD
  - April 20 Camp Navajo
  - May 4 Phoenix DPS

## **IPC Rescues – Since 2014**

- Approximately 265 CHILDREN RESCUED:
  - 128 Endangered Runaways
  - 41 Endangered Children
  - 36 Child Sex Trafficking Victims
  - 12 Sexual Assault
  - 9 Physically Abused
  - 39 Abducted

Note: Some rescued children had more than one of these factors, but the most significant one was counted.

#### Human Trafficking Victim Characteristics from DPS Encounters Average age = 15.7

- 82% Runaway
- 91% Female
- 19% from outside of Arizona

## **Arizona Human Trafficking Intel Network**

- Purpose: To be a resource for human trafficking investigators to find assistance and learn from one another.
- Over 240 members in the Network from 78 different federal, state and local law enforcement, juvenile probation and prosecutorial agencies
- In-Person and Virtual (Teams) meetings
- Three meetings in 2021
- Next meeting is March 8, 2022

## New in 2022

- Long-time coordinator for the IPC Program and Human Trafficking Network, Jerri Hutson, retired at the end of January 2022.
- Detective Kim Love-Ness will coordinate IPC classes with the plan of having four classes per fiscal year (klove-ness@azdps.gov).
- Analyst Desiree Shellenberger will be the point of contact for the Human Trafficking Network and can be contacted at dshellenberger@azdps.gov.
- Captain Eric Swanson will coordinate and moderate the Human Trafficking Network meetings and can be contacted at eswanson@azds.gov.

# **QUESTIONS?**

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