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COUNTY SUMMIT ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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(Trenton) County leaders from across the Garden State will join the New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC) on Friday, December 16th at the Trenton Country Club for an important and timely discussion on human trafficking.

“Unfortunately, human trafficking has grown into one of the largest criminal enterprises in the world with the State of New Jersey serving as a major hub given its proximity to major metropolitan areas and vast network of easily accessible highways,” *said NJAC President and Monmouth County Administrator Teri O’Connor.*

Anti-human trafficking advocate Gina Cavallo will deliver the keynote remarks following two in-depth panel discussions moderated by Eric Scott of Townsquare Media and NJ 101.5. Key law enforcement officials will first examine how human trafficking exploits men, women, and children for prostitution, pornography, domestic servitude, migrant farm work, and more. County, state, federal, and other leading authorities will then discuss coordinated efforts to raise awareness about human trafficking and present critical strategies on how to prevent a trafficking situation along with vital resources available for victims.

“County government remains committed to combating human trafficking by raising awareness, providing education, sharing information, investigating and prosecuting traffickers, and engaging key community stakeholders and victims,” *commented O’Connor.*

NJAC is committed to advocating for legislation, regulations, and policy directives that empower county government to operate more effectively and efficiently. As a non-partisan organization that represents the only true regional form of government in the State with a unified and proactive voice, NJAC is dedicated to advancing innovative programs and initiatives that enhance the level of service provided and save valuable taxpayer dollars. Please take a moment to review the very busy agenda below and visit www.njac.org for additional details.

NJAC SUMMIT ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING AGENDA

December 16, 2022

9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Trenton Country Club, 201 Sullivan Way, Trenton, New Jersey

NJAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

OPENING REMARKS

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AS A CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE

10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Key law enforcement officials will examine how human trafficking exploits men, women, and children for prostitution, pornography, domestic servitude, migrant farm work, and more, and how it has grown into one the largest criminal enterprises in the world. *Eric Scott with Townsquare Media to moderate both panels!*

- Shaun Golden, Sheriff, Monmouth County
- Angelo Onofri, Mercer County Prosecutor
- Lance Moorhouse, Lieutenant, New Jersey State Police
- TenaVel Thomas, Port Director, New York/Newark, U.S. Customs and Border Protection
- Luis Mejia, Deputy Executive Director, U.S. Customs and Border Protection

COFFEE BREAK

11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

PREVENTION AND RESOURCES FOR THOSE SUBJECTED TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

County, state, federal, and other leading authorities will discuss coordinated efforts to raise awareness about human trafficking and will present critical strategies on how to prevent a trafficking situation along with vital resources available for victims.

- Rolidel Czekjalo, Program Director of Statewide Victim Services, Covenant House
- Kate Lee, Executive Director, NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking
- Christopher Winters, Chief of Police, Pine Hill
- Amanda Leese, Senior VP of Reentry and Navigation Services, Volunteers of America

KEYNOTE CLOSING SPEAKER AND LUNCHEON

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

- Gina Cavallo, Anti-Human Trafficking Advocate

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