




MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Robin J. Henderson, Interim Chief, Austin Police Department 

THROUGH: Bruce Mills, Interim Assistant City Manager

DATE: June 17, 2024

SUBJECT: **Staff Update: Resolution No. 20240404-038 Human Trafficking Awareness**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information related to Resolution [20240404-038](#), that has directed the City Manager to develop a comprehensive set of resources for victims of human trafficking, including expanding our educational and outreach initiatives to increase awareness of this crime.

The Austin Police Department (APD) Human Trafficking Unit, Victim Services division, Public Information Office (PIO) and other City partners are working together to address each of the directives listed in the resolution. APD also regularly collaborates with other law enforcement entities and nonprofit organizations while conducting similar work and will ensure their expertise is incorporated into our plans.

APD PIO will oversee the development of an online anti-human trafficking toolkit with a number of readily available resources including:

- Downloadable educational materials in multiple languages, and for multiple audiences (ex: students, travelers, rideshare users)
- Human trafficking facts and statistics
- Information about how to report suspected human trafficking anonymously
- Resources for victims
- A calendar of community engagement events
- A point of contact for requesting site visits (including site assessments, presentations, and other public safety education and outreach opportunities)
- A Frequently Asked Questions section and/or automated chat

APD anticipates completing and publishing the online toolkit by August 31, 2024, and will provide additional updates on all other directives included in the resolution as requested by Council.

Should you have any questions about the progress of this work, please contact Commander Jason Disher via email at Jason.Disher@austintexas.gov or by phone at (512) 974-6684.

cc: T.C. Broadnax, City Manager