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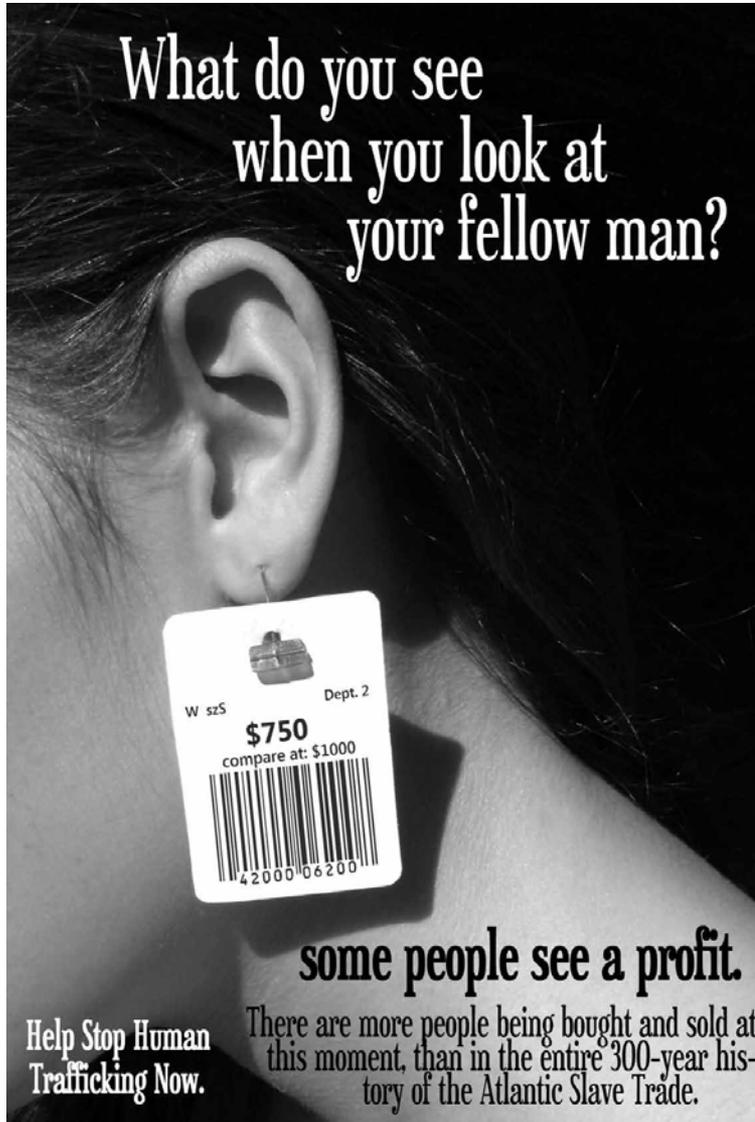
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# Minneapolis Pledge to Combat Juvenile Sex Trafficking



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# Why Focus on this Issue?



## City Goals:

- Safe Place to Call Home
- Homelessness Eliminated
- Teens: On course, in school and connected

## MPD GOALS

- Public Safety
- Public Trust



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- 18,000 runaway youth in Minneapolis on annual basis
- Over 50% of juvenile victims are runaways living on the streets
- 30-40% of runaways report being approached within 48 hours
- Average age of first becoming a victim is 12 - 14

# What is the City Doing: MPD



MPD Crimes Against Children Unit created;

- 2 full-time investigators;
- 2 Absenting Investigators
- Victim-centered model

## RESULTS:

- ✓ Investigated 60 Juvenile Trafficking Cases
- ✓ Over 30 Juvenile Victims Rescued
- ✓ 20 Suspects Arrested
- ✓ Trained Sheriff's Deputies
- ✓ Over 15 trainings conducted
- ✓ Research support - UROC



# What is the City Doing: Health Dept.

- School-based clinics – trained all staff
- Working with Minneapolis Youth Congress – developing youth-led trainings
- Partnering with Mpls Public Schools & Charter/Alternative schools to develop/integrate prevention education into health curricula
- Developing information brief: risk & protective factors, warning signs and symptoms, advocacy help, etc.



# What is the City Doing: Business Licensing

- Massage business licensing ordinance –supports legitimate businesses and provides regulatory tools to prevent sex trafficking in illegitimate enterprises
- Coordinating with MPD to develop protocol for response to complaints of trafficking in businesses
- Training for business licensing staff
- Developed informational handout



# What is the City Doing: CAO

- Training for hotels - 25 properties, 100 attendees
- Treatment centered approach for prostituted adults - GIFT program
- Driving down demand-side of the equation:
  - Prosecution
  - Web-site:  
[www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/prostitution/police\\_prostitution\\_convictions\\_index](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/prostitution/police_prostitution_convictions_index)



# What is the City Doing: IGR

- Lobbying support for Safe Harbor and No Wrong Door legislation
- Policy advocacy
- Grant support



# Next Steps: Minneapolis Pledge

- The City of Minneapolis will be a “Safe Place to Call Home” for ALL of its youth:
  - Prevention
  - Rescue victims and connect with appropriate services
  - Regulatory and legislative reform
  - Pursue investigations and build cases against traffickers and those who solicit or sexually exploit youth and young adults



# Work Group

- Formalize City Work Group
- Purpose:
  - Coordinate City activities to implement the Pledge
  - No Wrong Door model: Coordinate with state, regional, local stakeholders, parties
  - Develop Results Minneapolis measures to gauge City progress
  - Report to Council on progress





## Ultimate Goal:

- ✓ Protect our Kids
- ✓ Prevent Exploitation
- ✓ Wrap-Around Services for Victims
- ✓ Tough and Certain Consequences for Traffickers and Exploiters

