Northern District of California
Human Trafficking Task Forces Executives' Session

January 13, 2014
The Open Square at Futures Without Violence
100 Montgomery Street, The Presidio of San Francisco
San Francisco, CA
9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

9:00 REGISTRATION

9:30 GREETINGS, WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

United States Attorney Melinda Haag
Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley
Debbie Lee, Senior Vice President, Futures Without Violence

THE FEDERAL PERSPECTIVE

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Kevin Sherburne, Supervisory Special Agent, Civil Rights Program Coordinator

Tatum King, Deputy Special Agent in Charge
Melissa Saurwein, Special Agent

10:10 HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN CALIFORNIA – UPDATES

California State Threat Assessment Center
Mandy Johnson, Intelligence Analyst
The federally funded task forces in California report quarterly to CalEMA on human trafficking statistics (investigations, arrests, number of victims, victim referrals to services, hotline use, and other data points). Ms. Johnson will present the overall picture in the State of California and discuss ways of improving the reporting and tracking of all human trafficking cases including those charged under other statutes.
10:30 TASK FORCE PRESENTATIONS (10 minute presentations)
Moderator: Melinda Haag, United States Attorney

Each Task Force will be asked to present an update on its collaborative model unifying law enforcement and service providers, engaging local and federal authorities, and creating a victim-centered approach.

North Bay Human Trafficking Task Force
San Francisco Mayor's Office and SF Department on the Status of Women
Anti-Trafficking Collaborative of the Bay Area/Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach
South Bay Human Trafficking Task Force
East Bay/HEAT Watch/Bay Area Heat Coalition
ACVET Alameda County Vice Enforcement Team
San Mateo County Human Trafficking Working Group
Sonoma County Human Trafficking Task Force
California Attorney General's Office

12:00 LUNCH PANEL: INNOVATION IN TECHNOLOGY
Promising Practices in Technology in Identifying Trafficking/Assisting Victims
Moderator: Nancy O'Malley, Alameda County District Attorney

Law enforcement has an opportunity to work collaboratively with experts to harness the power of technology to thwart the efforts of traffickers. Our lunch speakers will provide insight into new and emerging efforts to identify human trafficking and victims of trafficking through technology.

High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)/
Northern California Regional Intelligence Center (NCRIC)
Mike Sena, Director

Palantir Technologies
Courtney Bowman, Civil Liberties Engineer

Thorn
Claire Schmidt, Director of Programs

Google
Chris Busselle, Principal, Google.org
1:00 A CANDID LOOK AT HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE BAY AREA

Dr. David Batstone, Author of Not For Sale

Dr. Batstone, drawing upon his many years of successful work in the international arena of human trafficking, will address exciting new efforts to focus on trafficking in the Bay Area.

1:40 THE TRAFFICKING OF OUR LOCAL YOUTH

Honorable Elizabeth Lee, Judge, San Mateo Superior Court

Judge Lee will provide a look at the juvenile justice system, foster care youth and vulnerable juveniles and what the courts in California are doing to address this burgeoning challenge.

2:00 A FIVE YEAR PERSPECTIVE

Polaris Project
Alden Pinkham, Case Coordinator, National Human Trafficking Resource Center

Polaris Project, based in Washington, will provide a synopsis of the newly released report on five years of information garnered through the national human trafficking hotline, provide a national perspective on the size and scope of human trafficking in the United States, introduce the new text-oriented hotline “Be Free” and the impact of public awareness campaigns in the fight against human trafficking.

2:35 LABOR TRAFFICKING
Moderator: Kevin Sherburne, FBI, Supervisory Special Agent, Civil Rights Program Coordinator

Victim service providers and law enforcement agree that labor trafficking is difficult to identify and prosecute. This panel will explore the issue and possible solutions.

U.S. Department of Labor, Celeste Hale, Assistant District Director
U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Bill Tamayo, Regional Attorney, San Francisco District
Alameda County District Attorney’s Office, Larry Blazer, ADA
San Francisco Police Department, Captain Joe McFadden

3:30 WRAP UP AND ADJOURN – United States Attorney Melinda Haag