

Speakers: Lynnadel Nielsen & Kate Friedman from MT OUR Chapter

Announcements:

- Thx to all who setup & ate during the Bites of Billings.
- DEC Tourny last Saturday Troy W 2nd place, Q 3rd place teams.
- Thx Cavin for stepping to be our next President-Elect.
- Stacy (1) week left in Child Abuse Prevention Month see her for Tee's, polo's etc.

Presentation : Human Trafficking & Montana...

Unfortunately, Montana near at the bottom for this issue nationally...

Human Trafficking – is a behind closed doors crime. Presentation discussed what is, what are signs, issues of supply and demand for this booming industry.

2 million children in sex industry worldwide. Most customers from US.

30 million people are enslaved around the world in this.

OUR (Operation Underground Railroad) works with governments around the world to train, support and help with sting operations.

US is #1 consumer of child porn.

BEC Grant to OUR was used for local law enforcement training & online capabilities in fighting this.

Statistics:

25 million victims

\$150Bil/yr industry \$99bil/yr sex

19% of victims producing 2/3 of sex industry amount.

99% commercial sex industry is females.

Illicit Massage Parlors are large part of industry in US.

Billings has 12-17 Illicit Massage Parlors.

Billings is a hub for human trafficking due to interstate structure and way point between west coast and Balkan.

Tumbleweed deals with teen victims of human trafficking continually.

Billings 4th in Nation per capita for Human trafficking.

Recruitment: 25% victims from previous relationship, 24% fraudulent job offers, 90% of cases involved with online solicitations.

Cards are available from MT OUR that have contact info and signs of human trafficking.

Education is big component of prevention. Parents need to monitor social media and limit friends to ones, kids have actually met in person 1st, wait until 8th grade or later for smart phones, institute media safety programs at schools and install good filter software on internet enabled devices.

Demand – pornography is fueling demand of this industry. 11 years old is average age of exposure of children to pornography.

Education is required 2 years ahead of when it is need for developing kids...

Porn addiction is listed as a mental health issue in Montana.

Ask your US legislators to back “Earn It” Act. There is no liability for “platforms” who allow posting of child pornography in US. It actually hurts their business to police this themselves.

Massage Local Ordinance: Pushed at City Council by St. John. The illicit massage parlors cause a significant drain on police efforts. Ordinance provides some legal groundwork to allow City to close this shops. It does not requirement much of misinformation on Social media, please review ordinance and contact MT OUR if you have questions.

Currently 59 cases in process for child porn cases locally.

Food Truck Battle meeting at 5 pm at the Nation Guard Armory on Gabel- please attend if you want to help out.