



# RESOURCES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS



This resource guide contains the following tools developed to provide background information and guidance for law enforcement officers to identify and communicate with victims of human trafficking.

- **Tips for Identifying the Crime of Human Trafficking**  
This tool provides law enforcement officers things to consider when encountering a situation that may involve human trafficking. Being aware of these items will help promote a cooperative relationship, helping law enforcement gain the assistance of victims in the investigation and prosecution of traffickers.
- **Screening Questions to Assess Whether a Person Is a Trafficking Victim**  
This tool contains key questions law enforcement officers should consider asking potential victims of human trafficking in order to confirm whether or not they are actually victims. The questions will also help to secure information that can later be used as testimonial evidence.
- **Understanding the Mindset of a Human Trafficking Victim**  
This tool provides law enforcement officers with insight into the mindset of a victim of human trafficking. It offers points to consider when dealing with victims and sheds light on the crime of trafficking from the perspective of the victim, including how the victim may feel and what barriers law enforcement officers may face when encountering a victim.
- **Communicating with Victims of Human Trafficking**  
Most victims are afraid and initially hesitant to cooperate, often fearing for their lives. This document provides law enforcement with strategic word choice and usage geared to establish trust between the officer and the victim.
- **Tips for Identifying and Interacting with Victims of Trafficking**  
Successful investigations and prosecutions of crimes of human trafficking require law enforcement officials to approach these crimes differently from the ways they might approach other criminal investigations. This tool includes tips for law enforcement officers when encountering possible victims who may need to be rescued and protected.
- **PowerPoint Presentation for Law Enforcement Officers**  
This PowerPoint presentation can be used as an information tool or training resource for law enforcement officers to gain a better understanding of their role in helping to identify and assist victims of human trafficking.