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Special points of interest:

- Human trafficking
- National resources for EMS data, and current public health issues

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A Word From Our Program Manager

I recently participated on a webinar regarding human trafficking which was both concerning and informative. First of all, I wasn't really familiar with what human trafficking is, or how to recognize victims, and what EMS can do to assist the victims.

So, what is human trafficking? According to the Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign, "Human trafficking is modern-day slavery and involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act. Thousands of men, women, and children are trafficked into forced labor situations and into the sex trade. Many of these victims are lured from their homes with false promises of well-paying jobs; instead, they are forced or coerced into prostitution, domestic servitude, or other types of forced labor. Victims are found in legitimate and illegitimate labor industries, including sweatshops, massage parlors, agricultural fields, restaurants, hotels, and domestic service."

How can you recognize a victim? Some of the things they stated in the webinar were that the victim might have bruises or scars. They might be malnourished, disoriented, submissive, depressed and fearful. They might be found in surroundings that have barbed wires, bars on the windows, and in unsuitable living quarters. These are only some of the

indicators that can clue you in to the situation.

What can EMS do? Become educated about the problem. There are numerous resources available. Many of the resources are listed on the National

Association of State EMS Officials website under the Domestic Preparedness section. There is a tip-line with the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Homeland Security Investigation at 1-866-DHS-2-ICE (1-866-347-2423). They also have a website: www.ice.gov/tips. There is also a non-governmental organization that can provide assistance and resources called the

National Human Trafficking Resource Center. They can be reached at 1-888-3737, 24/7.

Children are victims of this horrific crime. This is happening in our own communities. No one is immune. Please take some time to explore the resources available and realize that your encounter with the victim may be the only lifeline they have to escaping this tragic life. Being alert and aware of what to do is essential.

As always, thank you for your continued service in protecting and caring for the pediatric population in our state. Be safe.

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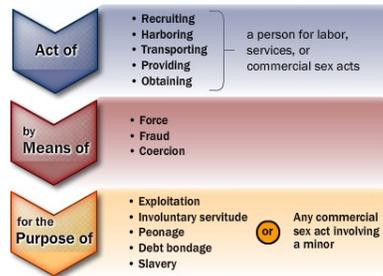


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Human Trafficking

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“The United Nations estimate that trade in human flesh nets \$32 billion each year, which is second only to the drug trade.”

Does it Happen Here in Utah?



Message parlor raids believed to be the biggest human trafficking bust in Utah history



Colombian police in Utah to combat human trafficking

The Doc Spot

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What is Human Trafficking?

Human trafficking is a human rights issue that many consider to be a thing of the past, or at least an issue that doesn't exist within our country. In today's globalized society, the problems of human trafficking are embedded in aspects of Americans' daily lives in ways that many may not be aware of.

According to an International Labor Organization report from 2012, a staggering three out of every 1,000 people worldwide are in forced labor. These victims are predominantly women and children. That's nearly 21 million people, including 1.5 million in North America. The United Nations estimate that trade in human flesh nets \$32 billion each year, which is second only to the drug trade.

Human trafficking is essentially the modern day form of slavery and defined in 2000 by congress as falling into two categories: sex trafficking and labor trafficking.

In 2000, congress established the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) with the following definition:

1. Sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age; or
2. The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery

What is the Extent of Human Trafficking in the United States?

An unknown number of U.S. citizens and legal citizens are trafficked within the country for sexual servitude and forced labor. Cases of human trafficking have been reported in all 50 states. While many consider the Super Bowl to be the “greatest show on Earth,” it is also been described as the “single largest human trafficking event in the US” by Texas Attorney General Greg Abbot. Many of the prostitutes brought to the event are under 18, making them legally minors.

Children or minors are most often involved in commercial sex acts such as stripping, pornography or prostitution. They may also be forced to work for little or no money. These forms of labor include the following: restaurant work, agricultural work, working in hair and nail salons, forced begging, magazine crews, drug sales or drug cultivation as well as work as an au pair or nanny.

What Children are at-risk to become Victims of Human Trafficking?

Traffickers prey on those with few economic opportunities and those struggling to meet basic needs. Victims of human trafficking, both international and domestic, share characteristics that place them at risk for being trafficked. These include poverty, young age, limited education, lack of work opportunities, lack of family support (e.g., orphaned, runaway/throwaway, homeless, family members collaborating with traffickers), history of previous sexual abuse, health or mental health challenges, and living in vulnerable areas (e.g., areas with police corruption and high crime).

Minors, including American children, are among the most vulnerable populations. Minors are deceived, manipulated, forced, or coerced into prostitution every day. Nationally, the average age at which girls first become exploited through prostitution is 14 years old, but direct service providers around the country report they have been encountering increasingly younger victims over the past decade.

In the US, traffickers will often look for victims on social media sites such as Facebook. Children who feel alienated at home or bullied at school are naturally more vulnerable to Web predators, who offer help and the illusion of empathy. With patience and persuasion, a minor can be convinced to sneak away. The predator will happily “help” by sending e-tickets or money for a taxi or giving advice on how to sneak out. Once in the hands of the predator, minors are often coerced into prostitution.

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Below is a list of risk factors that predispose children to become victims of human trafficking:

- Poverty
- History of sexual or physical abuse
- Individual or family substance abuse
- General lack of a support system
- Learning disabilities and other school difficulties
- Loss of parent or caregiver
- Runaway/throwaway
- LGBT youth

How do I Identify a Victim of Human Trafficking?

Many human trafficking victims may be hiding in plain view, working at construction sites, restaurants, elder care centers, nail salons, agricultural fields, and hotels. Traffickers will often pose as family member or spouse to raise less suspicion. Trafficker’s use of coercion is so powerful, that even if you reach out to the victims, they may be too fearful to accept help. It is prudent to keep a critical mind and a high level of suspicion.

The following is a list of human trafficking indicators:

Adults and children	Children/minors specifically
Living with employer	Travelling alone
Crowded or poor living conditions	Has a boyfriend/girlfriend that is noticeably older
Employer is holding identity documents	Shows signs of drug addiction
Unpaid or paid very little	Frequent running away from home
Inability to speak to individual alone	Misses school frequently
Answers appear to be scripted or rehearsed	Hungry, malnourished, deprived of sleep, or inappropriately dressed
Acting very submissive or fearful	Cares for children not from his/her own family
Withdrawn or fearful behavior	
Signs of physical abuse; attempts at hiding scars/bruises	
Expresses concern for family members’ safety if he/she shares too much information	

How do I Report Suspected Human Trafficking?

In the case of an immediate emergency call law enforcement.

To report suspected human trafficking crimes or to get help from law enforcement, call (24/7) 1-866-347-2423 or submit a tip online at www.ice.gov/tips.

To report suspected trafficking crimes, get help, or learn more about human trafficking from a nongovernmental organization, call the toll-free (24/7) [National Human Trafficking Resource Center](http://www.nhtrc.org) at 1-888-373-7888.

To report sexually exploited or abused minors, call the [National Center for Missing and Exploited Children’s \(NCMEC\)](http://www.ncmec.org) hotline at 1-800-THE-LOST, or report incidents at <http://www.cybertipline.org>.

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News From National National Association of State EMS Officials

Healthcare workers are uniquely positioned to identify and assist victims of human trafficking. Studies have shown that 87% of human trafficking survivors report having accessed healthcare while being trafficked.

Emergency Medical Services personnel are on the true front lines of humanity, experiencing persons in their homes and communities unlike any other practitioner in the health care system. YOU can make a difference through awareness and education to help identify victims of human trafficking and assisting them with resources. In recognition of National Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness Month, NASEMSO has initiated a special section on its web site dedicated to human trafficking awareness at <http://nasemso.org/Projects/DomesticPreparedness/HumanTrafficking.asp>



[Human Trafficking Awareness Video for First Responders](http://nasemso.org/Projects/DomesticPreparedness/HumanTrafficking.asp)

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Available Resources

The [EMSC SnapShot Data Tool](#) allows users to view and filter results from the 2015 EMSC State and Territory Partnership SnapShot Self-Assessment. Use it to display the data by assessment question, region, or by comparison of states/territories. Users will be able to compare data between states/territories and regions in order to look for trends and perhaps contact managers in other states to learn from them and develop collaborative projects.

NLM Releases New Resources on Recent Public Health Incidents

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) recently developed resource lists for three public health emergencies affecting both local and global communities. An incident web page was created to gather resources on the emerging health issues arising from the Zika Virus. Two PDF documents on recent chemical incidents have been updated. Links to these lists are included below and also can be found on the [NLM Disaster Health home page](#). Please share these resources freely!

Zika Virus Health Information Resources: <https://disasterinfo.nlm.nih.gov/dimrc/zikavirus.html>

Aliso Canyon/Porter Ranch Gas Leak: https://disasterinfo.nlm.nih.gov/dimrc/aliso_canyon_gas_leak.pdf

Lead in Flint, Michigan Water System: <https://sis.nlm.nih.gov/enviro/FlintLeadWater.pdf>

Save the Date | Annual EMSC Coordinators Workshop

Mark your calendars for our annual EMSC Coordinators workshop. June 16-18th in Lehi Utah. Lehi is a small city with plenty of things for visitors to do. Settled in 1850 and later renamed for a Hebrew prophet in the Book of Mormon, Lehi is the sixth oldest incorporated town in Utah.

Your families can enjoy the Civil War at Camp Floyd/Stagecoach Inn State Park and Museum and the John Hutchings Museum of Natural History (hutchingsmuseum.org). At Thanksgiving Point (thanksgivingpoint.com) explore the world's largest collection of mounted dinosaurs at the Museum of Ancient Life, 15 theme gardens and specialty shops. Shop at the outlets at Traverse Mountain and stock up for summer at Cabellas. Lehi city parks have 10 miles of hiking trails, disc golf at Dry Creek Trail Park, and Utah Lake a freshwater lake 24 miles long and 11 miles wide is great for fishing.

We have a lot of great training lined up and a team building activity that should be fun for all.

“Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak. Courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen”

—Winston Churchill



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 PGR	4	5
6	7	8 EGR -Traumatic Arrest	9	10 PGR	11 Burn Mass Casualty Con. PEPP Brigham City →	12
13	14	15	16	17 PGR Mountain West EMS Con →	18 →	19 PEPP Renewal Manila
20	21	22	23	24 PGR	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 PGR		

Pediatric Education Around the State

Pediatric Grand Rounds (PGR) are educational/CME offerings webcast weekly (Sept-May) you can watch live or archived presentations. It is geared towards hospital personnel. But will certify as BEMSP CME Access at <https://intermountainhealthcare.org/locations/primary-childrens-hospital/for-referring-physicians/pediatric-grand-rounds/>

EMS Grand Rounds (EGR) This offering alternates with Trauma Grand Rounds every other month, it is geared towards EMS. Live viewings qualify for CME credit.

There are 2 ways to watch

1. Live real time viewing via the internet at: www.emsgrandrounds.com If you would like to receive CME for viewing this presentation live, email Zach Robinson (Zachary.robinson@hsc.utah.edu)
2. Delayed viewing at your personal convenience, a week after the presentation at: www.emsgroundrounds.com

Upcoming Peds Classes, 2016

For PEPP and PALS classes throughout the state contact Andy Ostler Aostler@utah.gov

Initial PEPP classes

- March 11 (6p-10p) - 12 (8a-5p) Nacor Manufacturing, Brigham City
- April 11-12 (8a-4p) UVU, Provo

Renewal PEPP classes

- Mar 19 (10a-5p) Daggett Co Sheriff Office, Manila
- April 9 (9a-4p) Carbon Co, Price
- April 16 (9a-4p) Willard City Hall, Willard

For PALS and ENPC classes in Filmore, Delta and MVH contact Kris Shields at shields57@gmail.com

Save the Date

Mar 11, 2016 Southeastern Utah Burn Mass Casualty and Burn Care Seminar, for registration information email healthcarepreparedness@utah.gov

Mar 17-18, 2016 Mountain West EMS Conference, [register now](#)

April 13-14, 2016 [Zero Fatalities Safety Summit](#) scholarships are available for EMS but you must act quickly.

April 23, 2016 Northern Utah Trauma Conference (NUTS)

June 16-18, 2016 EMSC Coordinators Workshop



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The Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Program aims to ensure that emergency medical care for the ill and injured child or adolescent is well integrated into an emergency medical service system. We work to ensure that the system is backed by optimal resources and that the entire spectrum of emergency services (prevention, acute care, and rehabilitation) is provided to children and adolescents, no matter where they live, attend school or travel.

Did You Know?

Annette Matherly RN CCRN

There is a great EMS/EMSC training opportunity in the Southeastern Burn Mass Casualty and Burn Care Seminar.

March 11th Green River Utah

We anticipate that this course will assist in preparing all healthcare facilities within the region to retain and care for burn patients for an extended period of time. This would be particularly helpful in the event of a burn mass casualty, or simply if weather conditions were such that transport would not be possible. It is our hope that each facility will send a "strike team" of individuals that would become the go to leaders within that organization for the management of burn patients. This strike team would receive not only education and resources at the conference itself, but also ongoing resources and support. In addition to the healthcare facility education there will be an EMS / flight team track. The education provided will be care from the scene to the ED, and will include some burn specific triage considerations .

This will assist the University of Utah Burn Center and our state to improve community resilience as we prepare for the unthinkable and in the process partner to provide the best care every day to those who sustain burn injury. CME and CEU are available for this course, and it will culminate in a table top exercise.

EMS/EMSC folks are the back bone of these counties and do so much. We would love to have you!

See the attached registration information or email healthcarepreparedness@utah.gov

