

5 Strategies for Police:

1. **AWARENESS:** All Police need to be aware of the issue and **know the law**. Take HT training courses (Police Knowledge Network, OCTIP; Office to Combat Training In Persons). Read “Invisible Chains” by UBC law professor, Benjamin Perrin.
Google: beamazingcampaign.org Incorporate the **United Nations 4 Pillars** in a local strategy to combat trafficking: **Prevention, Protection, Prosecution, Partnerships**.
2. **ADDRESS DEMAND:** Until there is a **deterrent for demand**, this crime will increase. Johns, the buyers of sex, facilitators, profiteers need to be targeted and charged; this is the Federal law (**Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act**).
3. **SCHOOL LIAISONS:** Develop positive and strong liaisons with elementary and high school students. Young people are vulnerable and are being targeted. “Education is our greatest weapon”. **Cyberspace safety training** is needed for youth/parents. **Canadian Centre to Protect Children** (Manitoba) who run Cybertip.ca.
4. **INVENTORY SCAN:** Assess your community. Look for sex ads (Backpage, Craigslist, the newspaper, Georgia Strait); these will lead you to the buyers and sellers. List the businesses that are endemic to HT: escort services, modelling agencies, casinos, adult entertainment centers, tattoo parlours, holistic health centers, nail spas, day spas, unregistered massage parlours, strip clubs, cheap hotels and bars. Be aware of their services/clientele. List all your community resources to support victims.
5. **BEST PRACTICES:** Valiant Richey is the OSCE- the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe- Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating trafficking in Human Beings for 57 States and 1 billion people. **In Canada:** Halifax police addresses the North Preston and Preston “Finest” gang, RCMP operated “Northern Spotlight Operations”, London Ontario has veteran frontline worker and police educator Megan Walker (1-519-432-2204) from the London Women’s Abuse Center, Montreal vice unit, Peel Region Police in Hamilton, Winnipeg police and former MP Mrs. Joy Smith (who introduced our Human trafficking laws in Canada) with the Joy Smith Foundation and the Tracia Trust in Manitoba, York police in Toronto with survivor Casandra Diamond of Bridge North, Ontario has a strategic plan with a Human Trafficking Coordinator, **Washington State** with former Congresswoman Linda Smith and NGO “Shared Hope”; Seattle using Nordic Model. Dallas Police Department, Houston City Council have extensive training in sexual exploitation/human trafficking. **Sweden** has successfully implemented and funded the Nordic Model of Law for the past 22 years: contact Detective Inspector Simon Haggstrom head of the Stockholm Police Prostitution Unit (his work is to charge johns).