

MEDIA ALERT

New Campaign Focuses on Public Awareness of Human Trafficking

June 28, 2016, Cleveland, Ohio Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine will join with the Collaborative to End Human Trafficking and representatives of Greater Cleveland's Coordinated Response to Human Trafficking to launch a new public awareness campaign. The program will also address the cooperation and coordination of nearly 30 multi-disciplinary organizations who are committed to responding to human trafficking in northeast Ohio.

What: A press conference to unveil the comprehensive campaign to raise public awareness of human trafficking in northeast Ohio. The campaign was created to launch in time for the Republican National Convention but will continue well beyond the convention.

Who: Mike DeWine, Ohio Attorney General

Karen Walsh, Director, Collaborative to End Human Trafficking Bridget Brennan, Assistant US Attorney, Northern District of Ohio

Judge Marilyn Cassidy, Cleveland Municipal Court, Human Trafficking Specialized Docket

Karen McHenry, Bellefaire JCB Homeless and Missing Youth Program

Sheriff Clifford Pinkney, Cuyahoga County

Teresa Stafford, Senior Director of Victim Services and Outreach, Cleveland Rape Crisis Center

Deputy Chief Edward Tomba, Cleveland Division of Police

Holly Welsh, Assistant Cuyahoga County Prosecutor

SSA William Werner, FBI Cleveland Office

Date: Thursday, June 30, 2016, 10:30 am

Location: Cuyahoga County Courthouse Atrium, 1 Lakeside Avenue, Cleveland OH

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Mission: To educate and advocate for the prevention and abolition of human trafficking while connecting services on behalf of trafficked persons.