

**St. Charles Community College**

**Campus Police Outreach Task Force**

**Monday May 2nd, 2022 at 2:00pm via Zoom**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Lt. Jeff Drake (Chair) Campus Police**

 **Corp. Brandon Misher Campus Police**

 **Disp. Cindy Mulford Campus Police**

 **Shima Rostani Guest Speaker**

 **Ryan Pendergast Student Gov. Pres.**

 **Laura Austin Enrollment**

 **James Bratcher Student Life**

 **Dave Leenhouts VP Student Affairs**

 **Teresa Drury Office Coordinator**

 **Kelly DeGeare Counselor**

 **Erin Schnurbusch Case Worker**

1. **Welcome to the Group Jeff Drake**

**•** Jeff welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the guest speaker:

 **Shima Rostani** from Gateway Human Trafficking in Chesterfield, MO.

1. **Presentation on Human Trafficking Shima Rostani**

**•** GHT offers Post-Certified training for police officers

Affiliations University of Missouri Sociology Department

• Common misconceptions about Human Trafficking:

 (Only involves women and girls, always about sex, only immigrants)

• Purposes:

 Servitude – Bondage – Slavery – Sex

• Means:

 Fraud – Force – Coercion

• Acts:

 Recruiting – Harboring – Moving – Obtaining

• African-American percentage of Human Trafficking victims:

 Greater St. Louis / St. Charles area – 40%

 Metropolitan St. Louis city – near 100%

• Methods of recruitment pre-pandemic:

In person Ads for jobs Children recruiting other children at schools

• Methods of recruitment during and post-pandemic:

 Social Media Live Streaming parties Gaming chat rooms

• Methodology of Human Trafficking to avoid prosecution

 Coercion (victim becomes unreliable witness against trafficker)

 Force Drugs (victim addicted or forced to deal drugs)

 Fraud (compromising photos, stealing SSI or other benefits)

 Vulnerability (homeless, lonely, depressed) Mentally challenged

• Results of Human Trafficking on the victims:

 Anxiety Depression PTSD Suicidal thoughts

 Addiction to drugs or alcohol Self-blame and shame

• Resources for help / rescue / recovery for trafficking victims:

 POLARIS National Human Trafficking Hotline:

Call (888) 373-7888

 Text HELP or INFO to 233733

 Gateway Human Trafficking: [www.gatewayhumantrafficking.org](http://www.gatewayhumantrafficking.org)

 Call Shima Rostani at (636) 515-6919

 **Questions: From the group**

• Questions from the group were answered from the Zoom chat room during the presentation and are included in the minutes above

 **Next Meeting will be early in the Fall Semester (TBA)**