

## GTAC Meeting

Duane: Thanks for the city of south bay – this morning we had Mr. Ed Russo for exploited children

Ed Russo – Human trafficking – we are going to workshops through the County - we have safety tips – are you familiar with the Safety Center? anyone knows some of the famous people associated with them? John Walsh is the father of these findings – his son was abducted and killed back in 1981 at that time there wasn't anything to try to prevent child abductions – that is what motivated them – since that time we are liaison with law enforcement we are not law enforcement – they did technical distance – we have a call center our local office is in Lake Park and the main office is in Virginia – if something had headquarters or here we will hear about it – also what happen when Katrina hurricane hit children were displaced from the parents – the last child was reunited with mom after 6 months – sometimes kids didn't know who they were and we had to match the kids with their parents – there was a tornado rip through the school during the day noone was missing but we were ready – also an earthquake went up the east coast and we kept going – human trafficking – we get super bowls come to Miami – they will actually bring girls around to be prostituted – when big national events happen they bring girls in – you think of labor when it is happening domestically not just in other countries – we just find out that there was a van full of girls that are being moved through county to county everyday – it is a mom and pop thing – it is parents that trafficking their children and boyfriends do it to the girlfriends – trafficking is force, fraud or coercion. They could be working in restaurants or doing nails – smuggling is a volunteer effort to come into the country trafficking is somebody coming against their will – we want to make sure we are providing the right services for the kids – (somebody is talking have no idea what they saying) back to Ed – smuggling is a crime against the border trafficking is a crime against the person – we have real world and online – imagine asking your father to stay at a friend house and the father says only if you perform a sexual act on him and you can go – he is giving experiences of human trafficking – he gave an experience of a man videoing the girlfriend and daughter in sexual act and being video against their will – imagine the teacher is taking the kid out of class to perform acts for treats – who are victims any child – if child is weak in the real world they can be weak online – there was a psychologist who lost a parent and then he target the girl to have her leave her family to be with him – he was a trained professional and he took the her weakness over – kids are getting exploited over the internet – we have to be aware – there are back pages are like craigs list – cyber bullying is worst – kids are bullying each other to the point that kids may hurt themselves – we have a cyber tip line – you can make a report – any crimes against children should be reported – misleading domain names – you heard of whitehouse.com kids think this is the white house but it is a pornography site because the real white house is whitehouse.org – when you sign on to create a domain name it came be anything – also they have pop-ups and misleading words – child pornography this is the biggest report we get – 98% of the tips are child pornography – there is a whole series where people share this stuff like baseball cards – also what happens when kids take pictures of themselves they are creating pornography when they send it that is distribution – it was considered a felony and the kids would be registered sex offenders but now the charge has been lessened. Most of the time it is not a stranger but someone your child knows that is exploiting your child. This kids year we have something called Kids Smart it is real world safety for kids. The target age for taking a child right off the street is 10 – 14 not a little kid. Online we

have parental controls and we can control what they see. A lot of times kids can get away hollering this is not my mother this is not my father help. There was a case in Wellington the mom was posting pictures of his child. WE get good information from the communities/public. (there is someone that is constantly asking questions or talking but I cannot hear him at all). Giving another case of an asst. principal that he was chatting with a teenage boy but it was a cop. When you talk to kids we talk about trusted adults – it should be easy but then we find out that these are the same people that are abusing our kids – a lot of time I talk to teachers – the problem at home the teacher recognize something is going on with that child but you have to get the child to say something – it doesn't mean they will be removed from the home – if they say they don't want to be home or go with that person those are signs – it is all about communication

Duane: could you briefly go back to human trafficking

Ed: the biggest places are nail salons – this could be labor and nail trafficking – massage parlors are a little bit more obvious – especially when they have to talk to the boss before they talk to you – restaurants and even landscapers – our president is involved – if they are technically missing then they would be on our list – there are some kids that have legal documents to come over and they are of working age but they work like migrant workers – sometimes we may defer to FBI on those subjects – here are some of the websites that we can go to:

NetSmartz Internet Safety: [www.netsmartz.org](http://www.netsmartz.org)

Child Safety Resources: [www.missingkids.com/safety](http://www.missingkids.com/safety)

Child Sex Trafficking Resources: <http://www.missingkids.com/CSTI> and [http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/investigate/civilrights/human\\_trafficking](http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/investigate/civilrights/human_trafficking)

### **Participant comments**

Duane: the resident education to action program had a very good turn out last year we awarded 15 grants this year it will be held beg. Oct. 7 through Nov 4 – it is 5 weeks – the pink forms that I have are the sign up sheets – the main thing I need to report is we will conduct REAP in the city of Pahokee – I just got confirmation that is going to be at the senior center in Pahokee – I am working on the curriculum and catering – we also who are interested contact Mr. Tate we have developed a relationship with Kaboom foundation and home depot they are going to replace all of our playground equipment in one of our neighborhoods in lake worth – we just wrote the grant but we just in house issues regarding permitting – most of the playgrounds here are usually in the city – if there are any playgrounds that you want to replace the kaboom process is very neighborhood or community oriented – they meet with the children and the children get to pick some of the equipment – you have to have volunteers because the

park is built in a day or 2 between home depot and the foundation we have about 200 volunteers also Mr. Tate has been working on the juke joint festival I think they have a date not sure – apologize Mr. Tate is on vacation – Sept 20 is the date – Dolly Hand – he is trying to get an essay contest he is working with the school board – last year we gave grants from 2000 to a neighborhood event to 5000 for signs

Davis – I was contacted by Mr. Tate to oversee the dress contest for the festival – i solicit help and participants – I pulled up a couple of decades from the 30's to 50' – if there is anyone interested see me

Steve Clark: managing the construction on SR 80 it is going to last until oct. of next year – we are doing work on the shoulder about 200 or so miles – it is a vital safety – we are putting in a fog detection warning system – over on 700 we are replacing the signals – the first 3 miles we are going to be milling and resurfacing from 441 to sugar railroad track and then beyond that there are specific areas for safety and still putting down the shoulder – if you see any issues or safety issues contact me – access issues – every week we have a progress mtg –the contractor is doing 6000 ft a day – he already is 8 days ahead

Ms. Moore – with improvements are there any cameras –

Steve: they will communicate to each other so that they can see everything that happen – we are putting in about 9 cameras

Ms. Moore – they will be able to see accidents or someone stranded would be able to see for someone for safety

Mr. Rhodes – will they hire locally

Steve: we had a meeting where some other agencies – Ranger construction – he does have a federal requirement to hire trainees they are suppose to start in middle October I did encourage him to hire local folks

Duane: do they college train or on the job

Steve; it is on the job they got equal opportunity and a federal requirement because there are federal dollars involved – there were some folks who got some information

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Duane: Jacque came back at the point of the open house it was already done – you have to go online and get certified

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Tomlin: Gentlemen did a very good presentation today

Duane: next meeting is 09/25 – apologize for the flyer I took the flyer from CCRT but I forgot to change the date – I think we leave SB we go to Belle Glade

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Duane: I don't know

?: the commission chambers

Duane: I could probably change to there