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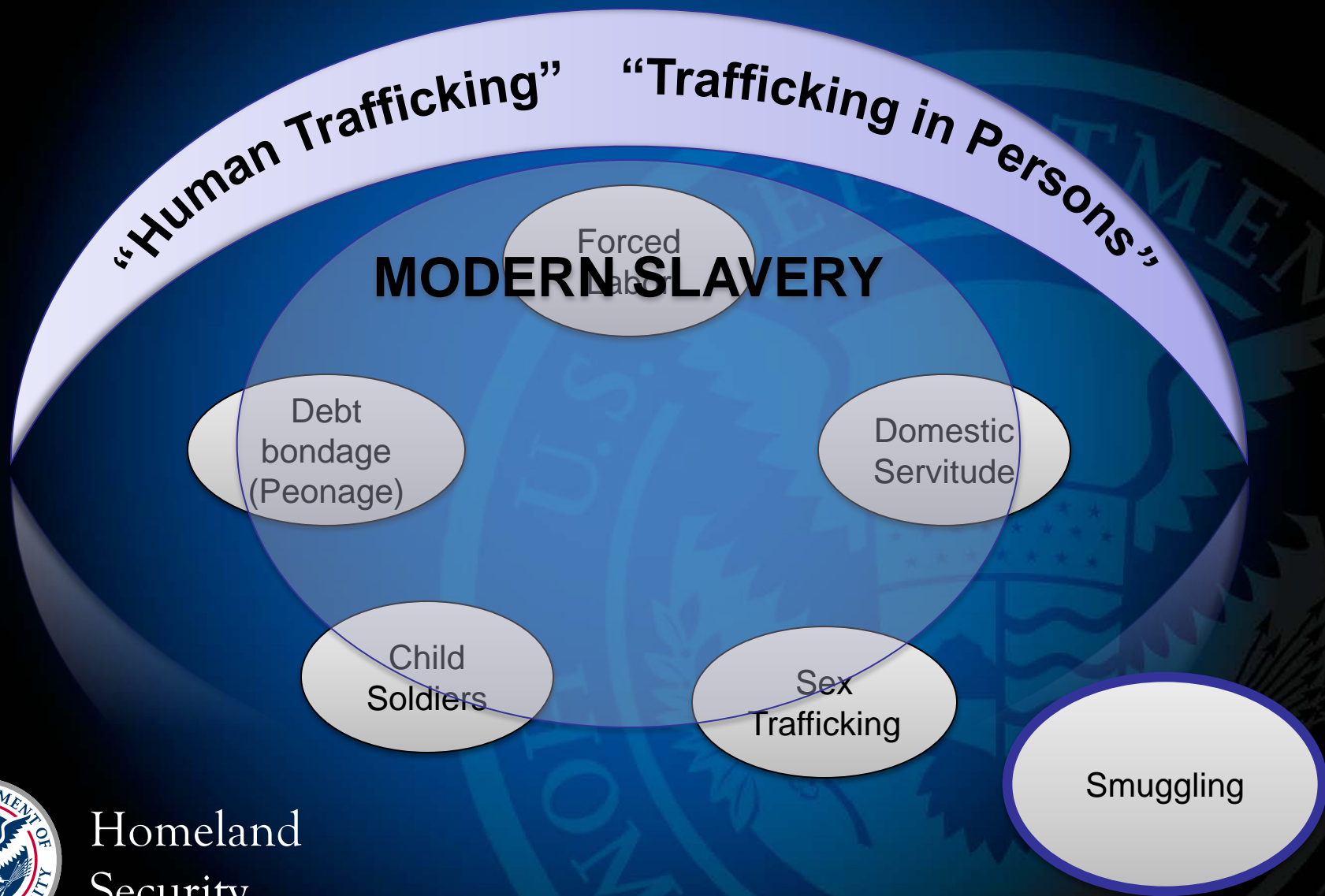
Overview

- What is Human Trafficking?
- Scope of the Problem
- DHS Response
 - Blue Campaign
- Classic Presentation of Trafficking Victims
- What can EMS do to help with the Blue Campaign?
- Resources



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What is Human Trafficking?



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Scope

- **12.3 million worldwide**
- **56% are women**
- **More people are trafficked for forced labor than for commercial sex**
- **\$32 billion annual trade**

More people are enslaved today than ever before



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DHS Response



“With the Blue Campaign, we seek to shine a light on a crime that thrives in the shadows, bring traffickers to justice, and assist victims in communities across the nation.”

*Secretary Napolitano
July 22, 2010*



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Prevent

- Effective outreach and education

Protect

- Victim-centered approach to law enforcement investigations
- Immigration relief

Prosecute

- Successful law enforcement investigations



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Classic presentations found in trafficking victims:

- Bruises in various stages of healing caused by physical abuse
- Scars, mutilations, or infections due to improper medical care
- Urinary difficulties, pelvic pain, pregnancy, or rectal trauma caused from working in the sex industry
- Chronic back, hearing, cardiovascular, or respiratory problems as a result of forced manual labor in unsafe conditions

Classic presentations found in trafficking victims continued:

- Poor eyesight and/or eye problems due to dimly lit work sites
- Malnourishment and/or serious dental problems
- Disorientation, confusion, phobias, or panic attacks caused by daily mental abuse, torture, and culture shock

Look for these indicators:

- Is the patient accompanied by another person who seems controlling?
- Does person accompanying the patient insist on giving information/talking?
- Does the patient have trouble communicating due to language/cultural barrier?
- Are the patient's identification documents (e.g. passport, drivers license) being held or controlled by someone else?

Look for these indicators:

- Does the patient appear submissive or fearful?
- Is the patient inadequately dressed for the situation/work they do?
- Are there security measures designed to keep the patient on the premises?
- Does the patient live in a degraded, unsuitable place/share sleeping quarters?
- Is the patient suffering from classical presentations found in trafficking victims?



Discussion:
*How Can EMS Become
More Involved with the
Blue Campaign?*

Resources

- www.dhs.gov/humantrafficking
- BlueCampaign@dhs.gov



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