

Free seminar on Human Trafficking at SSCC on Nov. 1

"An Overview of Human Trafficking" will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1, on Southern State Community College's Central Campus, 100 Hobart Drive, Hillsboro. This free seminar sponsored by the SSCC Student Government Association and the Ohio Attorney General's Office, is open to the public.

According to the Ohio Attorney General's Human Trafficking Commission, right now in Ohio more than 2,000 school-age children are potentially at risk of being forced into human trafficking through exploited labor, domestic servitude or prostitution. Children, especially those not living with their parents, are the most vulnerable.

"Human trafficking is one of the most vile crimes occurring in the world today, and it's happening right under our noses," said leading expert Officer Ron Davitt who will present the seminar. "Countless lives have been ruined through this crime and it isn't stopping. In fact, it's the fastest growing crime in the world today."

The Nov. 1 presentation will provide a glimpse of human trafficking, examine causes and effects, explore the perspective of both the victims and the perpetrators and help others learn to recognize signs.

This seminar is designed for a broad audience of professionals who work with children and young adults on a daily basis. The message is particularly relevant to counseling and mental health facilities, nonprofit and education administrators, health care and domestic violence executives and law enforcement personnel.

Officer Davitt joined the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy staff in 2008 after serving 16 years with the Steubenville, Reynoldsburg and Columbus Airport Authority police departments. He served as a field training officer, a member of the Honor Guard, SWAT Team, bike patrol, contract negotiations teams, and as the department training coordinator.

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