



Things that make you go hmm...

SEEING THE UNSEEN IN RELATION TO GANGS AND CRIME IN SCHOOLS

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"The commander must be at constant pains to keep his troops abreast of all the latest tactical experience and developments, and must insist on their practical application. He must see to it that his subordinates are trained in accordance with the latest requirements. The best form of *welfare* for the troops is first-class training, for this saves unnecessary casualties."

— German Field Marshall Erwin Rommel



Objectives

- ◆ Idaho & U.S. Law Used to Combat Crime & Gangs
- ◆ Gang Trends & Characteristics
- ◆ Risks of Gang Membership
- ◆ Migration & Recruitment
- ◆ Gang Identifiers
- ◆ IDAHO GANGS & Other Groups of Influence
- ◆ Identifying Questions
- ◆ Response
- ◆ Reporting & Documentation
- ◆ Safety Concerns



Idaho & U.S. Law Used to Combat Crime & Gangs

- ▶ (§ 18-8501) Idaho Gang Enforcement Act
- ▶ (§ 18-8502) Definition of a Gang and Gang Member
- ▶ (§ 18-8503) Extended Sentences for Gang Crimes
- ▶ (§ 18-8504) Recruiting of Criminal Gang Members a Felony
- ▶ (§ 18-8505) Supplying Firearms to a Criminal Gang a Felony
- ▶ (§ 18-8506) Penalties for Violation

Idaho Gang
Enforcement
Act

Definition of a
Gang

- ▶ Ongoing organization, association, or group
- ▶ Three (3) or more persons,
- ▶ Common name or common identifying sign or symbol,
- ▶ Whose members individually or collectively engage in in a pattern of criminal gang activity.

Criminal Gang Member Definition

- ▶ Engages in criminal gang activity, and;
- ▶ Meets two (2) or more criteria:
 - ▶ Admits to membership
 - ▶ Is identified as a member
 - ▶ Frequents a gang's area
 - ▶ Adopts its style of dress,
 - ▶ Uses its hand signs,
 - ▶ Wears its tattoos
 - ▶ Associates with known members
 - ▶ Been arrested more than once with known gang members
 - ▶ Identified by physical evidence (photographs or documentation)
 - ▶ Stopped with known gang members four (4) or more times.

U.S. Supreme Court Case Law

- ▶ Terry v. Ohio (1968)
 - ▶ Stop and Frisk (Reasonable Suspicion Officer Safety)
- ▶ New Jersey v. T.L.O (1985)
 - ▶ Warrantless Searches Reasonable Suspicion a school violation has occurred
- ▶ Vernonia School District v. Acton (1995)
 - ▶ Drug Testing for School Sports
- ▶ U.S. v. Knights (2001)
 - ▶ Probation & Parole Search

Gang Trends & Characteristics

National
Gang
Trends

- ▶ 1 million gang members
- ▶ 20,000 gangs
- ▶ Active in all 50 states.
- ▶ Commit 80% of the crime in many communities
- ▶ Migrating from urban to rural communities
- ▶ (Source: 2009 National Gang Threat Assessment, published by the National Gang Intelligence Center)



Idaho Gang
Members
Under IDOC
Supervision

▶ Sureño	798
▶ Norteño	331
▶ Crips	163
▶ Bloods	53
▶ Folks Nation	37
▶ People Nation	27
▶ Aryan	513
▶ Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs	36
▶ <u>Other</u>	<u>231</u>
▶ Total	2,189

9.2 % of our offenders are gang members
(7,338 in Prison and 16,097 on Probation/Parole)

Reasons for
Gang
Membership

- ▶ Poor sense of family
- ▶ Poor self esteem
- ▶ Fear/Protection
- ▶ Poverty
- ▶ Boredom
- ▶ Family tradition
- ▶ Choice



Who's at
Risk of
Joining

▶ Every

▶ Sex

▶ Race

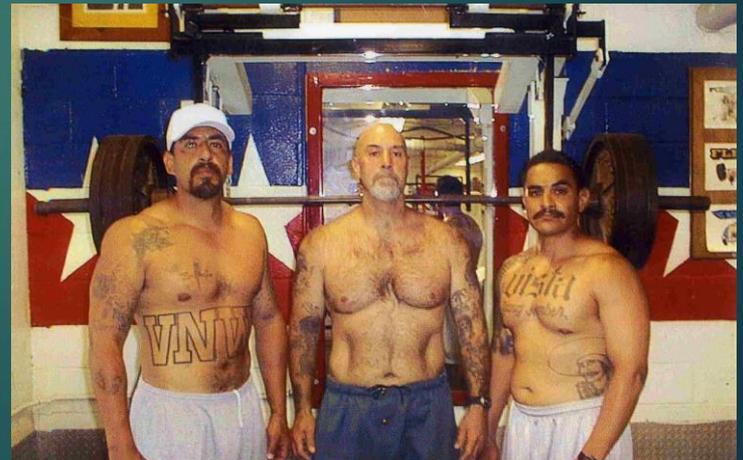
▶ Ethnic Group

▶ Socioeconomic Group

Gangs are no longer a racial issue;
THEY ARE A CRIME ISSUE!

- ▶ Gang members may be any age.
- ▶ Gang membership is for life.
- ▶ Most people remain involved in criminal gang activity for less than three years before they try to back off.
- ▶ In Idaho the typical age range for an active gang member is 14 - 25.

Idaho's Gang Members



Joining a Gang

Rupert, Idaho 2014 Norteno v. Sureno

Jump In

Sex In

Putting in
Work

Generational



The Gangster Attitude (3 R's)

- ▶ Respect
 - ▶ Their power over others is based on this.
 - ▶ If you don't fear me...you don't respect me.
 - ▶ The more I make you fear me...the more I can force you to respect me.
 - ▶ The more violent I am...the more respect I get.
- ▶ Reputation
 - ▶ The leaders are usually the most respected (feared) gang members.
 - ▶ Obtained through acts of
 - ▶ Violence.
 - ▶ Courage
 - ▶ Loyalty
- ▶ Retaliation
 - ▶ Disrespect cannot be allowed... it must be addressed... no matter how small or how long it takes.

IDOC



Levels of Gang Membership

- **Hard Core** (Decision Makers)
 - Leaders/Shot Callers (5%)
 - Veterans (15%)
- **Members** (Foot Soldiers)
 - Active Members (10%)
 - Probationary Members (10%)
- **Associates** (Wanna Be)
 - Non-Initiated Members (25%)
- **Target group** (Recruiting Pool)
 - Attracted to lifestyle (35%)

Gang Membership Risks

Risks of Gang Membership



▶ Prison

- ▶ Sergio Villarreal
 - ▶ Known in SWIJDC
 - ▶ Moved to Texas
 - ▶ 4 years federal prison on weapons charges



▶ Death

- ▶ Ichya Pennington
 - ▶ Known in SWIJDC
 - ▶ Life in prison for murder
 - ▶ Murdered 20 yr old Daniel Ramirez

Results of Gangs

- ▶ Property Damage & Theft
- ▶ Intimidation
- ▶ Violence
- ▶ Fraud
- ▶ Drug Traffic
- ▶ Computer Crimes
- ▶ Graffiti
- ▶ Weapons Trafficking



Gangs, Drugs, Money, Guns

76% of Drugs

Dab, Honey, Wax



U.S. Gang Related Crime

▶ Gangs are major causes for drug distribution & violence within the U.S.

▶ National Youth Gang Survey Analysis. (n.d.). Retrieved March 31, 2016, from <https://www.nationalgangcenter.gov/survey-analysis/gang-related-offenses>

Idaho Student Statistics

- ▶ 28% Used some type of Controlled Substance
- ▶ 21% Solicited to Purchase Controlled Substances
- ▶ 16% Controlled Substance in Conjunction with Sex
- ▶ 6.7% Forced Sex
- ▶ 28% Carrying a weapon
- ▶ 6% Threatened with a weapon during school
- ▶ 23.2% Physical altercations
- ▶ 26% Bullied
- ▶ Idaho Risk Behavior Survey. (2015). Retrieved from <http://sde.idaho.gov/student-engagement/shared/2015-Youth-Risk-Behavior-Survey-Results.pdf>



IF IT DOESN'T LOOK RIGHT
IT USUALLY NOT RIGHT



It's our party we can do what we want
It's our party we can say what we want
It's our party we can love who we want
We can kiss who we want
We can screw who we want

[Verse 1]

Red cups and sweaty bodies everywhere
Hands in the air like we don't care
Cause we came to have so much fun now
Bet somebody here might get some now
If you're not ready to go home
Can I get a "hell no"?
Cause we gonna go all night
Till we see the sunlight, alright

[Pre-Hook]

So la-da-di-da-di we like to party
Dancing with Molly
Doing whatever we want
This is our house
This is our rules
And we can't stop
And we won't stop

Can't you see it's we who own the night?
Can't you see it we who bout that life

[Hook]

And we can't stop
And we won't stop
We run things, things don't run we
Don't take nothing from nobody

It's our party we can do what we want
It's our party we can say what we want
It's our party we can love who we want
We can kiss who we want
We can screw who we want

[Verse 2]

To my homegirls here with the big butt
Shaking it like we at a strip club

Remember only God can judge ya

Forget the haters, cause somebody loves ya
And everyone in line in the bathroom
Trying to get a line in the bathroom
We all so turnt up here
Getting turnt up yea yea

[Pre-Hook]

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It's our party we can say what we want
It's our party we can love who we want
We can kiss who we want
We can screw who we want

[Bridge]

It's our party we can do what we want to!
It's our house we can love who we want to!
It's our song we can sing if we want to!
It's my mouth I can say what I want to
Yeah! Yeah! Yeah! Eh!

[Hook]

And we can't stop
And we won't stop
We run things, things don't run we
Don't take nothing from nobody

Migration & Recruitment

▶ Unintentional

- ▶ Family
- ▶ Military
- ▶ Job Opportunity



▶ Intentional

- ▶ Criminal Enterprise
- ▶ Drug Trade
- ▶ Law Enforcement Pressure
- ▶ Nomadic

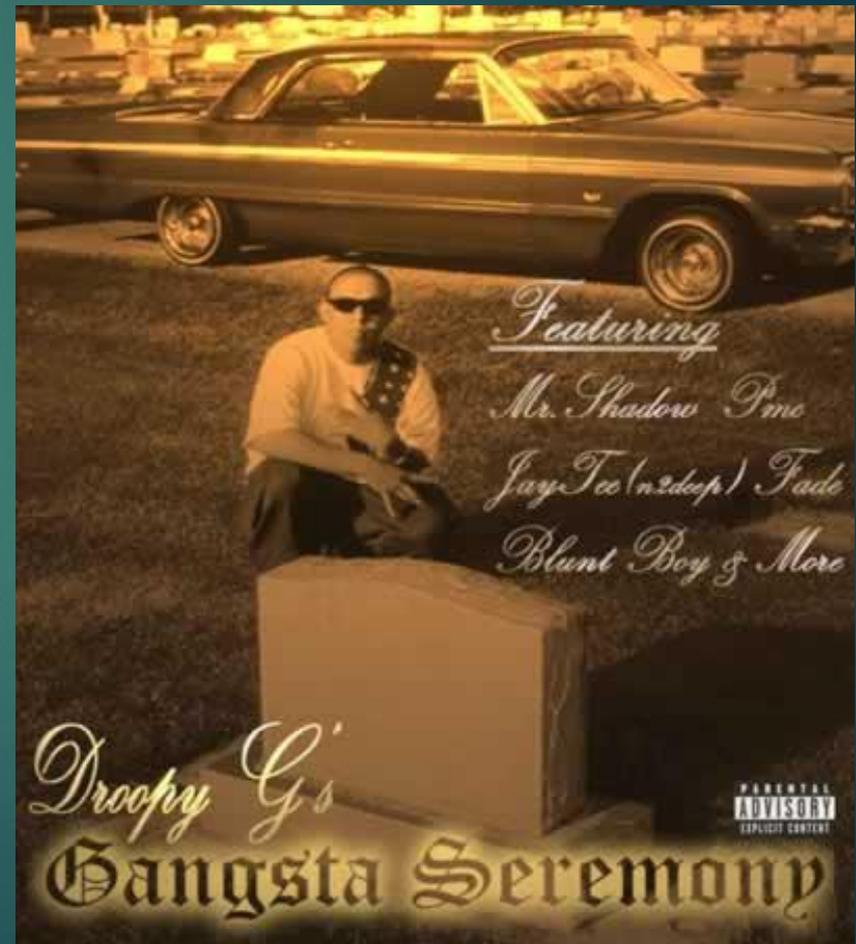


Gang Migration



- ▶ Entertainment
 - ▶ Music Industry
 - ▶ Movies
 - ▶ Sports
- ▶ Curiosity/ Glorification
- ▶ Military
- ▶ Family

Recruitment





Lil Wayne
2014
AMA

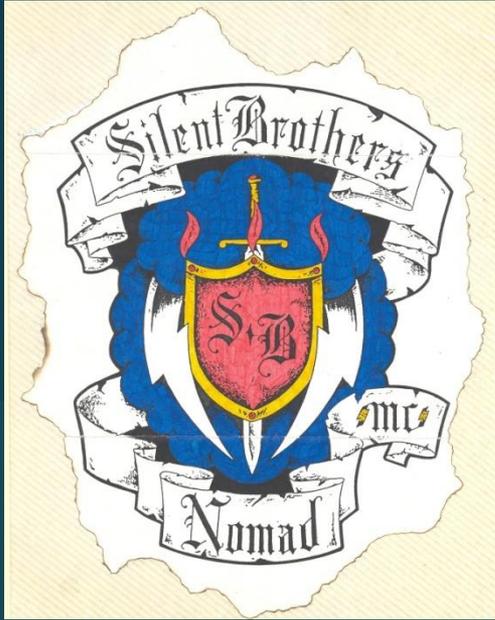


Gang Identifiers

Gang Identifiers

- ▶ Specific hand signs
- ▶ Common style of dress
- ▶ Display specific colors and specific symbols in:
 - ▶ Tattoos
 - ▶ Graffiti
 - ▶ Drawings
- ▶ Appear in photos with known gang members.
 - ▶ Passport Photo
 - ▶ Prospect Photo

Silent Brothers OMC



East Side Locos Sureño

Folk Black Gangster Disciple



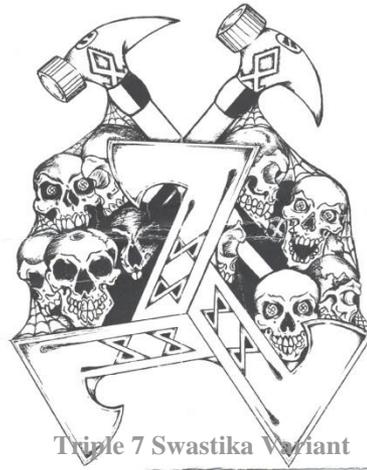
Border Brothers



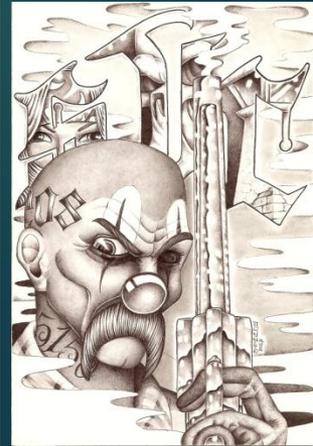
Severely Violent Criminals Hybrid



Northisiders, and Latin King

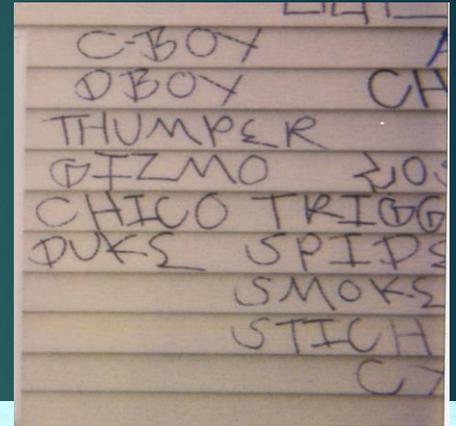


Triple 7 Swastika Variant



- ▶ The newspaper of the street
- ▶ Identify members of a gang
- ▶ Identify the gang name or set
- ▶ Marking the territory
- ▶ Warning
- ▶ Disrespect other gangs

Graffiti
&
Tagging



Hand Signs



SK = Sureño Killer Norteño



N = Norteño



14 = Norteño



North Side



South Side



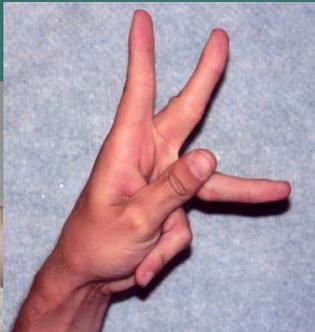
MM = Mexican Mafia Sureño



Crip Knowledge



5 Pointed Star Latin King / Norteño



Latin King



Eastside



West Side



White Power



Sureño MS-13



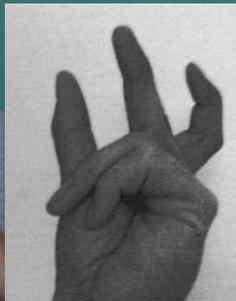
Bounty Hunter Blood



Clown Love (Juggalo)



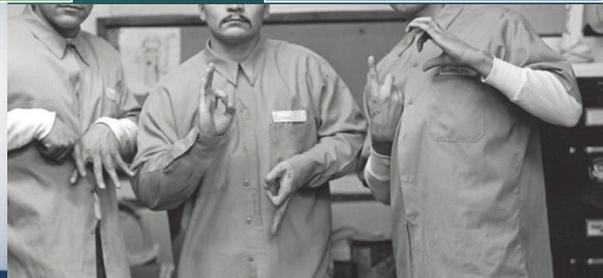
Heart Folk Nation



Trident/Pitchfork Folk Nation



Neo-Nazi Salute



XIII - Brown Pride - 13 Sureño



Gang Photos



**Passport Photo
West Side Loma Locos**

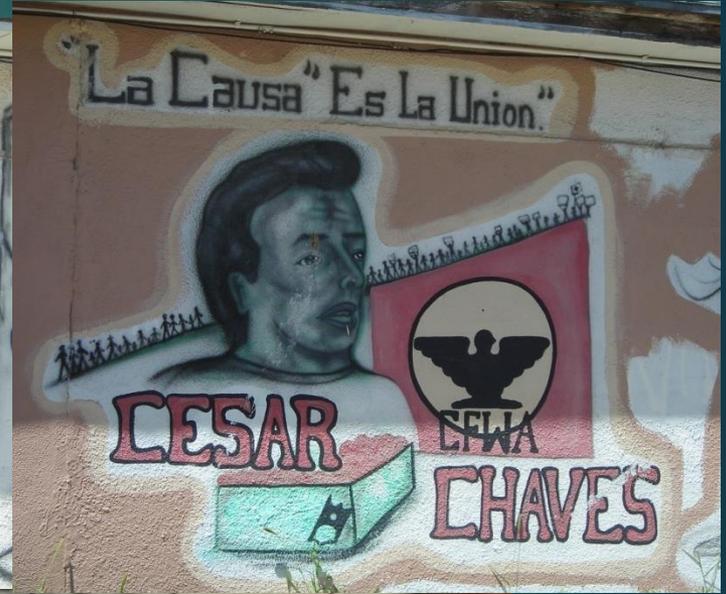


**Prospect Photo
Sureño Vato Locos**



IDAHO GANGS & Other Groups of Influence

History of
Idaho
Hispanic
Gangs



▶ Hispanic Immigrants in the United States

▶ 1910-1925

▶ Hispanic Immigrants to California

▶ 1930 The Great Depression

▶ Zoot Suit Riot

▶ 1943 Los Angeles, California



Hispanic
Immigration
History



Hispanic
Gang
Culture

- ▶ Male dominated, Machismo
- ▶ Loyalty to neighborhood and gang is priority one
- ▶ Police are the ENEMY!
- ▶ Usually fatalistic, superstitious and ritualistic
- ▶ Gangs are often generational and territorial

Nuestra
Familia
Norteno
Norte

- ▶ Nuestra Familia (Our Family) originated in 1965 in San Quentin, CA.
- ▶ Origins can be found in the Cesar Chavez movement.
- ▶ Created to protect Hispanics from the Mexican Mafia.
- ▶ Nuestra Familia is also know as “La ENE” which means “N”
- ▶ Gangs Number is 14 which represents the letter “N”
- ▶ Gangs Color is RED
- ▶ Three level military organizational structure.

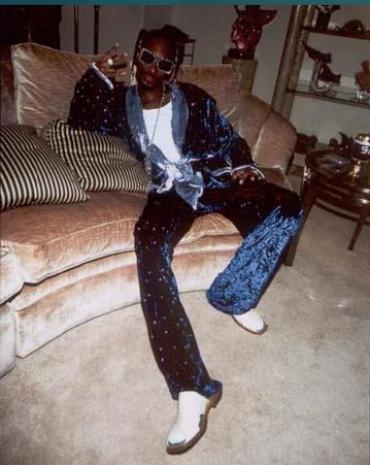
1 Nuestra 4
Familia

*If I lead, Follow Me
If I Hesitate, Push Me
If They kill Me, Avenge Me
If I'm A Traitor, Kill Me*



Crip
Affiliated
Gangs

- ▶ First appeared during the late 1960's in Los Angeles
- ▶ Numbers used = 3, 3-3, 21, 2-11
- ▶ Gang Color = Blue
- ▶ Origin of the name "Crip" is disputed:
 - ▶ Misspelling in a report about the "Cribs".
 - ▶ From the word Kryptonite.
 - ▶ From "Tales from the Crypt"
 - ▶ Members claim it means "Common Revolution in Progress".

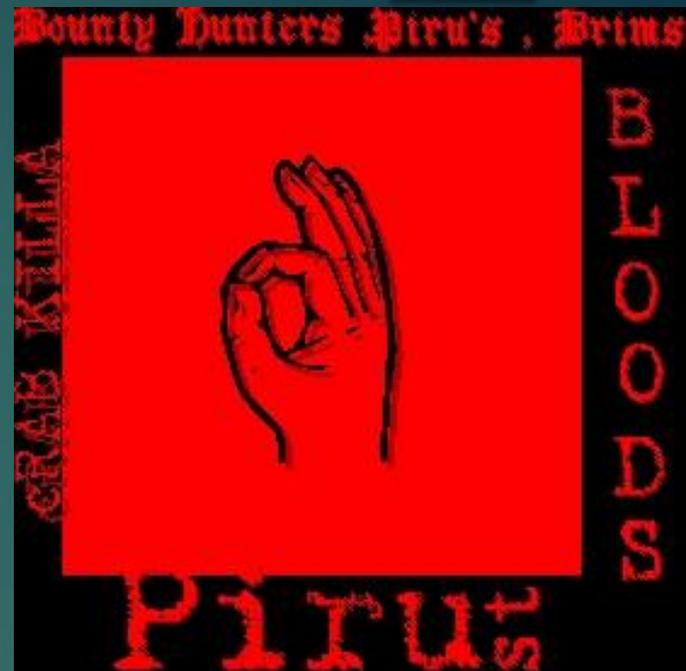


Crip Walk
Ice Cube



Blood
Affiliated
Gangs

- ▶ Blood gangs first appeared during the late 1960's on Piru Street in Compton.
- ▶ First called themselves "Pirus" and later "Bloods"
- ▶ Frequently use Swahili word "Damu" meaning "Blood"
- ▶ Numbers used = 2, 2-2, 3-11
- ▶ Gang Color = Red



People Affiliated Gangs

- ▶ Formed during the 1950's and 1960's by inmates in mid-west prisons.
- ▶ Most People Nation gangs use the word "lords" or "stones" in their names. Gang Color = Red (Most)
- ▶ Latin Kings Colors = Yellow & Black or Red & Black (Depends on Lineage)
- ▶ Number used = 5
- ▶ They "gesture left"



Folk Affiliated Gangs

- ▶ First reported in 1978 in Stateville, Illinois
- ▶ Created for protection against the People gangs.
- ▶ Most Folk Nation gangs include the word “disciple” in their name.
- ▶ They have a close alliance with Sureño and Crip gang sets. The gangs number is 6
- ▶ The gangs primary color is Blue
- ▶ They “gesture right”



Hate
Groups





Hybrid Gang Characteristics

- ▶ Racially mixed
 - ▶ Individuals of different races joining specific traditionally raced gangs
- ▶ Gender
- ▶ Not turf oriented
- ▶ Mixed Characteristics
 - ▶ Black/ Hispanic
 - ▶ Cross between East, Mid-West, and West gang characteristics



Idaho's Most Violent Gang

The Mayberry Clica

Leader: Bad Ass Barney



Other Groups

- ▶ They maintain independence from the major alliances.
- ▶ They serve as a bridge between rival gangs.
- ▶ Some are multi-racial Hybrid gangs loosely aligned with other larger gangs
- ▶ Some are formed along racial lines.
- ▶ Some are formed by criminal family groups.
- ▶ They start off as small unorganized groups
- ▶ To survive they tend to become very violent in order to get respect from the larger gangs.
- ▶ They are well known for carrying out contract hits for other groups.
- ▶ In prison they are heavily involved in extortion and are specialists in compromising staff.

Tagging Crews



- ▶ Graffiti is Art
- ▶ Generally Non-Violent
- ▶ Often Follow National Trends
- ▶ Nation Wide Movements



Sovereign
Citizens
Memphis,
Tennessee



Identifying Questions

Gang Identifying Questions

- ▶ Do you have any graffiti on or near your neighborhood, business district, or campus?
- ▶ Do you have crossed out graffiti on or near your neighborhood, business district, or campus?
- ▶ Do the youth in your community wear colors, jewelry, clothing, flash hand signals or display other behavior which may be gang related?
- ▶ Are drugs available in or near your community, business district, or campus?

Gang Identifying Questions

- ▶ Has there been a significant increase in the number of confrontations/stare downs within the past twelve months in or near your community or school?
- ▶ Is there an increasing presence of weapons in your community?
- ▶ Are beepers, pagers or cellular phones used by the youth in your community?
- ▶ Have you had a drive-by shooting in or around your neighborhood?
- ▶ Have you had a “show-by” display of weapons in or around your community or school?

Gang Identifying Questions

- ▶ Is the truancy rate in your community increasing?
- ▶ Is there a history of gangs in your community?
- ▶ Is there an increasing presence of “informal social groups” with unusual names?

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Response

- ▶ Scan
 - ▶ what is the problem and how was it identified
- ▶ Analysis
 - ▶ problem analysis, what is root cause of the problem, tailor solutions to the problems
- ▶ Response
 - ▶ what are we going to do to impact the problem
- ▶ Assessment
 - ▶ how are we going to judge our response to the problem

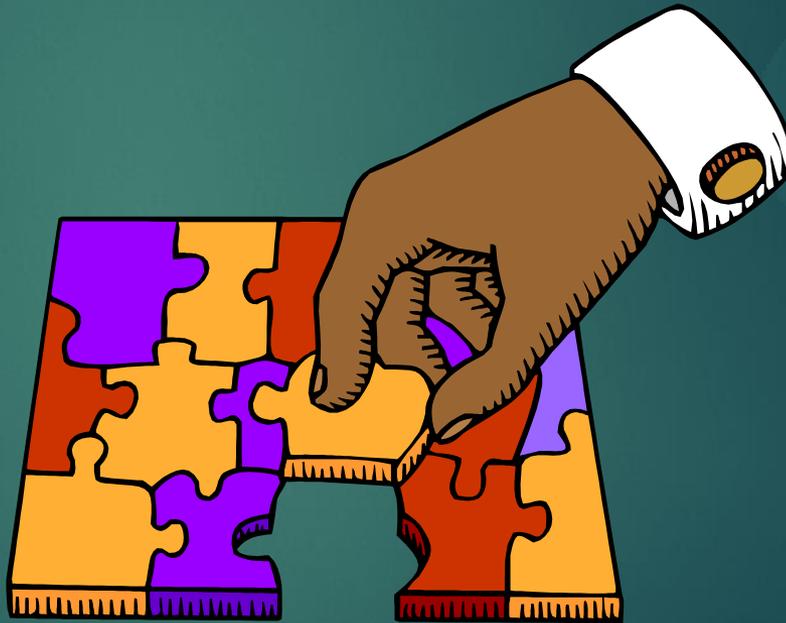
SARA Method of Gang Response



U.S. Department of Justice
Publication:
"Strategies to Address
Gang Crime" by Scot H.
Decker, Ph.D.

- ▶ You must analyze the root cause of the problems so your solutions can be tailored to the carefully fit the problem

Analyze



- ▶ Community involvement is essential.
- ▶ Three levels of addressing the gang problem.
 - First level is family.
 - The second level is the community.
 - The third level is Law Enforcement.

Community
Resources
Used to
Address
Gangs



Level I

The Family

- ▶ The family aspect of addressing the gang problem is the most important.
- ▶ Each family needs to instill good, solid values into their children.
- ▶ Talk to them, and teach them the difference between right and wrong.
- ▶ The family should not totally shelter their children.

- ▶ Denial
- ▶ Ignore
- ▶ Tolerate

Level II

The
Community



We Always Were Suckers for Ridiculous Hats . . .



Level II

The
Community

- ▶ Communities should take on the attitude of “zero tolerance”
- ▶ Communities should organize neighborhood programs
- ▶ Strive towards creating activities that will keep juveniles occupied
- ▶ Dictate strict rules of conduct at civic events

Level III
Law
Enforcement

- ▶ Confirm that there is a gang problem
- ▶ Take actions to curtail any current or potential gang problems
- ▶ Proactively address the gang problem
- ▶ Attitude of the police should be “zero tolerance”



Rotary International



It Takes
Everyone
Working
Together





Reporting & Documentation

- ▶ When encountering graffiti:
 - ▶ REPORT
 - ▶ Inform those who know
 - ▶ RECORD
 - ▶ Recording assists in tracking, intelligence, and education
 - ▶ REMOVE
 - ▶ Removing informs gangs that the community will not be intimidated and helps eliminate growing tensions between gangs

3 R's of Graffiti



Reporting

- ▶ Important in Determining the Extent of Your Gang Problems:
 - ▶ Do crimes involve gang activity?
 - ▶ Locations where gangs are creating problems?
 - ▶ Which gangs are present in your area?
 - ▶ Type of people being victimized?

- ▶ Obtain gang members real name if possible. If only their moniker is known list that in the report.

Information
for Reports

- ▶ Questions about clothing:
 - ▶ What clothing did the person have on? (color)
 - ▶ What size was it (loose fitting or baggy)?
 - ▶ How was the clothing worn (flagging left or right)?
 - ▶ Were there logos displayed?
 - ▶ Any accessories?



- ▶ Tattoos

Information
for Report
Continued

- ▶ Color

- ▶ Size

- ▶ List any numbers

- ▶ List any letters

- ▶ Pictures, or symbols recognizable or not to the victim

Information
for Report
Continued

- ▶ Ask about any specific statements that were made by the suspect in reference to gang affiliation or possible gang affiliation

Safety Concerns



DON'T LIMIT
YOURSELF WHEN
IT COMES TO
GANG MEMBERS

Safety a MUST!

Safety

- ▶ Condition Yellow
 - ▶ Be aware of your surroundings
 - ▶ Watch for ambush points
 - ▶ Watch your own home/family
 - ▶ Look for Identifiers
- ▶ WEAPONS
 - ▶ Presume ALL gang members are armed
 - ▶ Where's there drugs; there's gangs!
 - ▶ Drugs= \$; \$= guns; guns= power; power= respect





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- ▶ Gang members can be and are often violent people
 - ▶ Some gangs are engaged in acts of domestic terrorism
 - ▶ When you question gang members, you should talk to them individually
 - ▶ Involve your communities
 - ▶ It is your job as a teacher to educate and in some regards protect the children of your school



Remember the Writing is on
the Wall!

NOBZENO

KAZI

MS*PSEDK

XIII

19

XIV

15

2NS

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