
This is the advance listing of the Preliminary Program of the 2008 NGCRC Gang Training Conference to be held in Chicago, August 6-8, 2008, Westin Michigan Avenue Hotel. This preliminary program describes the title or topic of the session, presenter(s) name and affiliation, duration, type of session credit offered towards the NGCRC gang specialist certification program, abstract, and bio. There are a total of N = 107 such different courses or sessions listed here. Please consult the NGCRC website for updates and additions to the program.

(1) “The Vice Lords: A Gang Profile Analysis”, by Andrew V. Papachristos, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Mass. Amherst, Amherst, MA..

Note: This course will occur only on Weds. Or Thurs.
One (1) Hour
Session Credits: Gang Profile Analysis; Gangs and Drugs; Gang Internet Investigation.
Abstract
The Vice Lords are one of Chicago’s oldest and most violent gangs. Over the past decade the Vice Lords have been reported in more than 20 states and 300 municipalities. This session will review the gang’s history, structure, and proliferation over the past 40-years including the gang’s recent presence on the internet. Of particular interest, this session will review the present state of the gang including its current structure, conflict patterns with other gangs, and organizational capacity.

Bio
Andrew Papachristos is the Director of Field Research of the National Gang Crime Research Center; he completed his doctoral work in the Department of Sociology at the University of Chicago.
For over 13 years, Andrew has been working with gangs in a variety of capacities including direct street intervention, program development and evaluation, and multiple areas of gang research. A recipient of the Frederic Milton Thrasher Award of the National Gang Crime Research Center and the Hans Mattick Award of the Illinois Academy of Criminology, Andrew is the author of A.D., After the Disciples: The Neighborhood Impact of Federal Gang Prosecution and The Vice Lords: A Gang Profile Analysis. His recent work examines the influence of gang network structures on neighborhoods and crime.

(2) “A Collaborative Approach to Youth Gang Violence Prevention: Achieving Pure Prevention in the Schools”, by Theresa Campbell, Manager Safe Schools, and Rob Rai, Youth Diversity Liaison, School District #36 (Surrey), British Columbia, Canada.

One (1) Hour
Session Credits: Gang Problems in K-12 Schools; Gang Prevention Skills; Gang and Violence Prevention for School Administrators.

Abstract
In response to an increase (nationally) in gangs and gang-associated behavior in schools and the community, professionals, agencies and communities must come together to ensure that the implementation of best practices in preventing youth gang violence is not compromised due to a lack of preparation, experience, or relationships with local youth. To ensure success in providing youth an alternative to gang-associated behavior or gang membership, a collaborative approach along with evidence-based, coordinated and integrated community plans must be implemented in order to provide effective intervention that inhibits and reduces youth gang violence.

This session will seek to enlighten school administrators, law enforcement, parents and community members on the Surrey School District’s collaborative approach to youth gang violence prevention, through their powerful school-police partnerships and many unique programs and initiatives. One such program, the very successful iR3 - Alternative to Home Suspension program, requires students who have been suspended from school to attend regular, alternative classes at a site away from their regular school. This innovative and proactive initiative has been an unqualified success in engaging at-risk youth, and has recorded a significant drop in recidivism among students who completed the program.

Bios
Theresa Campbell is Manager of Safe Schools for the Surrey School District. Surrey is the largest district in the province of British Columbia, Canada. In her five years with the district, Theresa has been instrumental in the development and implementation of many successful programs, initiatives and resource materials aimed at enhancing student and staff safety. She has initiated several diverse projects both federally and provincially using a variety of media to address substance use, violence, gangs, bullying and other issues. Prior to the Surrey School District, Theresa spent 10 years as a counselor with the Vancouver School District where she worked extensively with gang associated youth. Recently she developed a unique program, the Youth Diversity Liaison program, to address an increase in violence and gang-associated behavior among the South Asian young male population.

Rob Rai is the Youth Diversity Liaison for the Surrey School District. Rob works with youth involved in, or displaying, gang associated behavior. Rob’s work includes one-to-one sessions with at-risk students, mediation between rival fight crews, as well as family support for those in crisis. Rob also volunteers to coach and mentor at-risk youth.

Theresa and Rob are representatives on a number of municipal, provincial and federal committees. They have both been recognized for their work by all three levels of government in Canada.

(3) “Free Web-Based Reporting System for Gang Intelligence Databases”, by Mr. Mun-Wai Hon, CISSP, Noblis Center for Criminal Justice Technology, Falls Church, VA.

Two (2) hours (120 minutes)
Session credits: Gang Internet Investigation Skills; Gang Crime Investigation Skills; Gang Homicide Investigation Skills; Gang Prosecution; Corrections Gang/STG Intelligence; Domestic Counter-Terrorism Skills.

Abstract
Many law enforcement agencies now have an intelligence database that stores tips, leads, and other forms of data related to gang members. Although many of these databases include analytical functions through vendor supplied software, customized reports, software licenses, and maintenance costs often combine to limit the use of the system. This session will present the issues practitioners
have faced with establishing a gang intelligence database and then provide a technical session on how to set-up and configure a free web-based reporting system that uses open source software that is compatible with any contemporary relational database.

Bio

Mr. Mun-Wai Hon is a Principal Systems Engineer at the Nobis Center for Criminal Justice Technology. For over 10 years, Mr. Hon has worked with analyzing and developing technological solutions for various levels of law enforcement and criminal justice organizations. Prior to coming to Nobis, Mr. Hon worked for a number of defense contractor companies in areas such as network security, enterprise architecture development, and systems engineering. He has also performed research and development work in artificial intelligence and electrical brain wave signals. Mr. Hon earned an MS degree in Engineering Management and Systems Engineering from the George Washington University as well as a BS Degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Virginia. Mr. Hon is a Certified Information Systems Security Professional and holds Professional Engineer EIT registrations in Virginia and California. He currently also serves as an adjunct professor at George Mason University and Northern Virginia Community College.

(4) “Security Threat Group Identifiers”s, by Josef D. Wehlauch, Illinois Department of Corrections, Springfield, IL.

Four (4) hours

Note: This course will be taught only on Wednesday or Thursday.

Session credits: Gang Crime Investigation Skills; Motorcycle Gangs; Gang Profile Analysis; Gang Prosecution; Corrections Gang/STG Intelligence; Hate Groups/White Racist Extremist Gangs; Advanced Gang Identification; Gang Internet Investigation; Gang Prevention Skills; Gang Problems in K-12 Schools.

Abstract

This presentation will cover the various identifiers utilized by the various Security Threat Groups. This topic will include the various handsigns, graffiti, tattoos, etc, and an explanation of the types used by which groups. The Security Threat Groups will include numerous street gangs, hate groups, and Outlaw Motorcycle Groups, as well as the symbols used by terrorist organizations. This presentation will provide the participants with a basic understanding of the various Security Threat Groups and which symbols, handsigns, tattoos, etc, are associated with their organizations. This will be a powerpoint presentation that will include numerous graphics.

Bio

Mr. Wehlauch started with the Illinois Department of Corrections in November 1989 and worked at the Pontiac Correctional Center, a Maximum Security Institution, as a Correctional Officer. Volunteered as a member of the Tactical Team, S.E.R.T., WRIT Team and as a Training Officer. I was promoted into the position of Staff Development Specialist in April 2000. His various duties involve the training of Cadets and In-Service personnel. Mr. Wehlauch’s primary areas of training involve Hostage Negotiations I, II, III, and IV, Chemical Agent Coordinator, Firearms, Security Threat Groups, and Critical Incidents.

Mr. Wehlauch was Honorably Discharged from the U.S. Army after approximately 10 years and stationed at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. He also earned numerous awards while in the service, to include Combat Infantry Badge, Jumpmaster, SCUBA, Army Achievement Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and numerous certificates of training. He also earned a BS in Criminal Justice, and is currently finishing up his Master’s.


Two (2) hours

Session credits: Gang Crime Investigation Skills; Gang Prevention Skills; Gang Counseling Skills; Gang Problems in K-12 Schools; Gang and Violence Prevention for School Administrators; Gangs and the Mass Media; Advanced Gang Identification Skills.

Abstract

In August 2006, the Calgary Police Service developed an integrated gang strategy which involved a coordinated approach to gangs through education, prevention, disruption, and investigation. The YARD Unit (Youth At-Risk Development) was formed to deliver the education and prevention service components for this strategy. YARD’s mission statement is: Believing it takes a village to raise a child, the Youth At-Risk Development program will undertake and facilitate a collaborative approach to delivering prevention, intervention, and education opportunities to support
youth at risk and their families in creating a safe and trusting community.

Education: YARD along with community partners has developed a presentation for youth between grades 5 to 12 entitled “Gang Life is a Dead End”. This has been presented in schools and communities to over 20,000 youth and their parents. The purpose is to dispel the myths and put a real face to “gangs” operating in our community and schools and their violent, dangerous and destructive lifestyle.

Prevention: To engage gang related problems before they begin means starting early. That is why the Calgary Police YARD Unit has engaged community partners in working with youth at risk of joining gangs. Many of these youth have not demonstrated gang involvement but have associates or family members who are gang involved. The goal in prevention is to enhance the youth’s positive developmental assets and constantly encourage higher education.

Bio
Constable Garret Swihart is a 20 year veteran of the Calgary Police Service, and has spent most of his career working the streets and working with youth at risk. For the past two years Cst. Swihart and his partner, Cst. Al Devolin have piloted the Calgary Police Service’s YARD program. The program has been recognized Federally by the Canadian Department of Justice and the Crime Prevention Center. Cst. Swihart is a 6 year member of AASRO (Alberta Association of School Resource Officers) and brings a well rounded perspective of today’s youth at risk through both career experience and as a Scout Leader for over 17 years as well as being a father to a current teenager.

(6) “Selection, Supervision, Training and Deployment of a Correctional STG Intelligence Team”, by Robert Mulvaney, Michigan Department of Corrections; and Captain Lamont Applegate (retired).

One (1) hour
Session credits: Corrections Gang/STG Intelligence; Management and Supervision Skills for Gang Specialists; Gang Profile Analysis; Gang Interview/Interrogation Skills; Gang Prevention; Officer Safety Skills in Dealing With Gangs; Dealing With Gangs in Juvenile Correctional Facilities.

Abstract
The Security Threat Group Coordinator can’t be everywhere all the time. To be effective, he or she must rely on information and intelligence gathered and forwarded by a highly skilled and diverse team of correctional staff.

We will examine criteria useful for selecting, supervising and training staff from various departments and programs within the prison to function as effective members of a correctional STG Intelligence Team. We will also discuss the need for confidentiality, while considering the benefits of networking and sharing information and intelligence.

We will explore and discuss how proactively working with prison chaplains, school teachers, outreach volunteers, correctional officers and administrators can prevent activities such as the infiltration of Security Threat Groups into religious and other legitimate correctional programs, and improve safety and security.

This session is a “must” for every new STG coordinator, and will be very beneficial to the experienced STG Coordinator, officer, supervisor or administrator who wishes to improve the quantity and quality of their team’s operations and improve the safety and security of their facilities.

Bio
Robert Mulvaney is the Security Threat Group Coordinator for the Michigan Department of Corrections. His background of 29 years experience includes positions as a corrections officer, unit manager and parole officer. He has done presentations for numerous agencies. He is a member of the Midwest Gang Investigators Association (MGIA), a state coordinator with the National Major Gang Task Force (N.M.G.T.F.), and the Mid-Michigan Crime Prevention Association. He has written articles for Corrections Alert (Oct. 1998) and the Journal of Gang Research.

(7) “Gang Prosecution in Cook County, Illinois”, by Mr. Brian R. Holmes, Deputy Supervisor, Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office, Gang Crimes Unit, Chicago, IL.

One (1) hour
Session credits: Gang Prosecution; Gang Crime Investigation Skills; Gang Homicide Investigation.

Abstract
Chicago, Cook County, Illinois is home to some of the countries most violent and sophisticated street gangs. Once a gang member is charged with a crime – only half the battle is won. This session will focus on Chicago street gangs and the prosecution of those members by the
C.C.S.A.O. Gang Crimes Unit. This unit is nationally recognized as having some of America’s best prosecutors. This session will focus on specific cases and will explain some of the techniques and strategies used by the CCSAO Gang Crimes Unit in their prosecutions of Gang Crimes.

Bio
Brian R. Holmes is the Deputy Supervisor of the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office Gang Crimes Unit. He is a 15 year veteran of that office and has spent the last 8 years in the office’s elite Gang Crimes Unit. He currently supervises that unit which consists of 15 attorneys and eight support staff dedicated to the prosecution of gang crimes in Cook County, Illinois. He is responsible for investigations into organized street gang operations and activities including: the vertical prosecution of capital murder, murder, narcotics and weapon offenses. He has been appointed Special Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois by the Department of Justice to assist with the prosecutions and investigations of joint Federal and State Weapons and gang offenses. In 2006, Mr. Holmes was named Assistant State’s Attorney of the Year by the Illinois Crime Commission and has received the United States Department of Justice Award for Public Safety in 2005. Mr. Holmes earned his Bachelor of Science in Commerce from DePaul University and received his Juris Doctorate Degree in 1991 from John Marshall Law School, Chicago.

(8) “Bangin’ in the Burbs: The Effect and Response to Gangs in Small Communities”, by Lieutenant Jeff Howard, Michigan Department of Corrections.
Two (2) hours (120 minutes)
Session credits: Gang Crime Investigation Skills; Management and Supervision Skills for Gang Specialists; Gang Prevention Skills.
Abstract
The gang problem in the United States has spread outside of the inner cities. The gangs and the problems associated with gangs have migrated to smaller communities. Rural areas are fertile grounds for gang activity including turf battles, violent crimes, drug trafficking, property crimes, and neighborhood intimidation tactics.
This growing problem presents a new area for concern as the members of the community that deal with the problems have limited resources in dealing with gang members and their tactics.
This session is designed for people who respond to gang activity in smaller communities. This session will provide attendees with a basis for understanding how this problem has evolved, and a means to effectively manage gang problems in smaller communities with limited funding and resources.

Bio
Lieutenant Jeff Howard is the Security Threat Group Coordinator for the Gus Harrison Correctional Facility in Adrian, Michigan. He majored in Criminal Justice at Ferris State University where he worked for the Department of Public Safety from 1988 to 1991. He has been employed with the Michigan Department of Corrections since 1994 and has been involved with the identification and prevention of Security Threat Groups within the prison system for several years. Lieutenant Howard was a recipient of the Frederic Milton Thrasher Award in 2005 for excellence in gang identification. In addition, he is the Emergency Response Team (ERT) Commander for the Adrian Complex and has trained teams throughout Michigan in preparation to a tactical response in emergency situations.

Three (3) hours
Note: This session is restricted to Law Enforcement ONLY!
Note: This course will be taught only on Wednesday or Thursday.
Session credits: Gang Profile Analysis; Gang Crime Investigation Skills; Gang Prosecution; Corrections Gang/STG Intelligence; Hate Groups/White Racist Extremist Gangs.
Abstract
The participants will learn about the history of what some regard as the most violent gang in America. This training session will cover the structure of the gang, giving particular attention to leadership. Participants will learn about how the Aryan Brotherhood recruits new members into a gang who has the unique motto “kill to get it, die to get out”. Mostly participants will learn about the nature of the threat this gang poses to law enforcement.

Bio
Mr. Wehlauch started with the Illinois Department of Corrections in November 1989 and worked at the Pontiac Correctional Center, a Maximum Security Institution, as a Correctional Officer.
Volunteered as a member of the Tactical Team, S.E.R.T., WRIT Team and as a Training Officer. I was promoted into the position of Staff Development Specialist in April 2000. His various duties involve the training of Cadets and In-Service personnel. Mr. Wehlauch’s primary areas of training involve Hostage Negotiations I, II, III, and IV, Chemical Agent Coordinator, Firearms, Security Threat Groups, and Critical Incidents.

Mr. Wehlauch was Honorably Discharged from the U.S. Army after approximately 10 years and stationed at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. He also earned numerous awards while in the service, to include Combat Infantry Badge, Jumpmaster, SCUBA, Army Achievement Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and numerous certificates of training. He also earned a BS in Criminal Justice, and is currently finishing up his Master’s.

(10) “Mara Salvatrucha 13: A Transnational Threat”, by Dr. Gregg W. Etter, Sr., Ed.D., Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO.

One (1) hour

Session credits: Gang Crime Investigation Skills; Domestic Counter-Terrorism Skills; Gang Profile Analysis; Gangs and Drugs; Gang Prosecution; Corrections Gang/STG Intelligence; Officer Safety Skills in Dealing With Gangs; Dealing With Gang Members in Probation/Parole; Advanced Gang Identification; Gang Internet Investigation.

Abstract
Rising from humble beginnings as a street gang formed by Salvadoran immigrants in the Rampart District of Los Angeles in the 1980’s, MS-13 has expanded across the United States and developed into a transnational gang that has been exported to El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Mexico. The MS-13 is involved in numerous criminal enterprises including trafficking in drugs, guns and humans. With a penchant for violence, they have been called the “most dangerous gang” in America.

Bio
Dr. Gregg W. Etter, Sr. Ed.D. is an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice at the University of Central Missouri. He retired as a Lieutenant with the Sedgwick County Sheriff’s Office after serving from 1977 to 2006. He is rated as a gang expert by the National Gang Crime Research Center. He has written extensively and presented classes on gangs, white supremacist groups and police management topics in the United States and Canada. Dr. Etter earned his Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees from Wichita State University and his Doctorate degree from Oklahoma State University. He is a member of the American Society of Criminology, the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, British Society of Criminology, and the National Sheriff’s Association.

(11) “Street Gangs and Network Analysis”, by Andrew V. Papachristos, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Mass. Amherst, Amherst, MA.

Note: This course will occur only on Weds. Or Thurs.
1.5 Hours (90) minutes

Session Credits: Gang Crime Investigation Skills; Gang Homicide Investigation Skills; Gang Profile Analysis; Gang Prosecution; Spatio-Temporal Gang Analysis.

Abstract
Network analysis is a powerful tool that can be used to identify different characteristics about groups or individuals. Applied to gangs, it can help describe very specifically the organization of gang problems, the relationships among multiple gangs, or patterns of gang behaviors. Network analysis can be used in building cases, investigations, understanding a problem, or other aspects of gang research. This session will: (1) provide an overview of the techniques and theories of network analysis, (2) discuss ways to analyze network data, (3) review software for network analysis, and (4) give suggestions for using network analysis for gang research and investigations.

Bio
Andrew Papachristos is the Director of Field Research of the National Gang Crime Research Center; he completed his doctoral work in the Department of Sociology at the University of Chicago. For over 13 years, Andrew has been working with gangs in a variety of capacities including direct street intervention, program development and evaluation, and multiple areas of gang research. A recipient of the Frederic Milton Thrasher Award of the National Gang Crime Research Center and the Hans Mattick Award of the Illinois Academy of Criminology, Andrew is the author of A.D., After the Disciples: The Neighborhood Impact of Federal Gang Prosecution and The Vice Lords: A Gang Profile Analysis. His recent work examines the influence of gang network structures on neighborhoods and crime.
(12) “Community Collaboration: Effective Strategies for Gang Prevention and Intervention”, by Dr. Doris D. Yates, College of Education and Allied Studies, Department of Leadership in Hospitality and Leisure Services, California State University, East Bay.

Two (2) hours (120 minutes)

Session credits: Gang Prevention Skills; Gang Counseling Techniques; Dealing With Gang Problems in K-12 Schools; Gang and Violence Prevention for School Administrators.

Abstract

Participants will engage in exercises and discussions on community collaboration and how it might be used as a prevention and intervention tool to address gang involved youth and at-risk youth. Participants will reflect on their daily realities and how those realities might help or hinder collaborative efforts. Reflection will include collaboration pitfalls experienced and how they might be overcome, if they can. Participants will reflect on their messages to the community via the media and the overall community perception of their community based organization. There will be a discussion on how to develop effective strategies to enhance community-based collaboration and how to use violence prevention strategies as part of community-based collaboration. This will be an interactive “workshop” session and participants will take away some ideas on how to enhance community collaboration without compromising their organizational mission and strengths.

Bio

Doris D. Yates, Ph.D., Professor with the Department of Leadership in Hospitality and Leisure Services, at California State University, Hayward campus. Dr. Yates has been with CSUEB for 24 years, during that time her interests have included at-risk youth, and is certified through the National Gang Crime Research Center as a Gang Specialist. She is also certified through the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (female gangs) and has participated in the National G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) training, July 2006. She has completed the Community Academy sponsored by the Hayward Police Department (November 2006) and Leadership Hayward, sponsored by the Hayward Chamber of Commerce (June 2007). Co-presenter at the 18th annual Youth at Risk conference sponsored by Georgia Southern University in Savannah, Georgia. Dr. Yates serves as a commissioner on the Human Services Commission, for the City of Hayward, is a volunteer and active member of the Hayward Chamber of Commerce. Serves as a volunteer with the New Start Tattoo Removal Program as a liaison with SAVE (Shelters Against Violent Environments) a domestic violence shelter and the Lambda Youth Project (addresses concerns of gay youth), Women on the Way, Tri City Health Center HIV Services and, Planned Parenthood. Dr. Yates developed the writing curriculum for Project SOAR (Successful Options for Academic Readiness) a step to college program for at risk youth in the Oakland, CA middle schools, June 2006. Dr. Yates is currently serving as the coordinator for the 2007/08 Leadership Hayward class sponsored by the Hayward Chamber of Commerce.


One (1) hour


Abstract

In this session, I will present to my audience two separate incidents where innocent bystanders were murdered by gang members. I will provide the class with an overview of the gang-related homicides and how the innocent bystanders death affected their families, rival gang members, and the community.

Bio

I have been a police officer for seventeen years. From 1994-2000, I was assigned to the Hudson County Prosecutor’s Office - Narcotics Task Force. I have participated in over 1,000 narcotics investigations resulting in the arrest of numerous violators. As undercover operative, I have negotiated and purchased various quantities of narcotics and other illegal contraband. For two years, I was assigned to the United States Custom Service - Financial Crimes Task Force. My responsibilities included the investigation of money-laundering activities in the United States and abroad. In 2000, I was promoted to the rank of Sergeant of the street crime unit. Primary duties were to address criminal activity in the municipalities within Hudson County, New Jersey. In addition, I supervised the Gang Initiative within the Hudson County Prosecutor’s Office.

In July 2007, I was appointed Acting Director of the Hudson County Correctional Center. I
supervised four hundred correctional officers and one hundred fifty civilian employees. I was responsible for the safety and security of two thousand inmates in the facility. I created a countywide gang intelligence unit. In October 2007, I returned to the Homicide Unit.

(14) “Cults and Terrorism”, by Dr. Dan Feaster, executive director, counselor, educator, and magician with the Samaritan Counseling Center of Southern Wisconsin, Madison, WI.

Two (2) hours
Session credits: Cults, Satanism and Gangs; Gang Prevention Skills, Domestic Counter Terrorism Skills; Interview/Interrogation Skills; Gang Counseling Skills.

Abstract
This workshop will assist participants in gaining a general understanding of cults, what they are and how they operate. Participants will gain an understanding of mind control and deception and how cult groups recruit new members and keep members involved. You will gain an appreciation of various categories of cult groups that include: religious, self-help or psychotherapy, economic, political and terrorist cults. Learn differences between healthy religious groups and cults. Analysis of how terrorist groups function using a cult and mind control model. Participants will gain an appreciation of who is at risk for cult involvement and learn ways to reduce the risk of joining a destructive group. The workshop will look at a case study of Islamic terrorism and focus on Osama bin Laden and Al-Qaeda.

Bio
Dr. Dan Feaster is the executive director of the Samaritan Counseling Center of Southern Wisconsin. His background includes 27 years experience as a counselor and educator. He holds a Master of Social Work degree, Master of Divinity degree, and a Doctorate in Pastoral Counseling. He brings experience as a counselor, educator, pastor, magician, and martial arts instructor. Dr. Feaster has published a manual on Youth in Destructive Groups: Cults, Gangs, Teenage Satanism and Hate Groups and is a reviewing editor of the Journal of Gang Research. He has presented workshops throughout the country on prevention and education and has provided counseling for at-risk youths involved in gangs, Satanism, and cults. He also serves on a national board of directors for a cult watch organization.

(15) “Pirate Gangs: Ahoy Mates! Recent Global Developments of Interest”, by Dr. Michael J. Witkowski, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice and Security Administration, University of Detroit Mercy, Detroit, MI.

One (1) hour
Session Credits: Gang Crime Investigation Skills; Management and Supervision Skills for Gang Specialists; Gang Profile Analysis; Domestic Counter-Terrorism Skills.

Abstract
Piracy by criminal gangs on the high seas and in ports around the world recently became newsworthy as the USS Winston Churchill made headlines by seizing a pirate ship off the coast of Somalia. This form of criminal enterprise is alive and well as today’s pirates operate globally from the Far East to Brazil. Their targets have ranged from small personal craft to a 4,595 ton crude oil tanker and, most recently, luxury liners. Many of the attacks are believed to be controlled by organized crime syndicates in the Far East. Scant attention has been given to this issue thought to be an obsolete relic of the 17th and 18th centuries. This session will explore how the global economy has renewed this activity on “soft” targets that are unarmed and loaded with bountiful treasure.

Bio
Dr. Michael J. Witkowski is presently an Associate Professor of Criminal Justice and Security Administration at the University of Detroit Mercy. He is a Certified Protection Professional through the American Society of Industrial Security. Dr. Witkowski serves as an expert witness in matters of civil litigation involving premises liability and security issues nationwide. His interests include gang-generated dysfunction in apartment/public housing communities and the growth of “corporate” styled drug gangs. He is a frequent presenter at a variety of criminal justice/security symposiums and seminars including the Michigan Crime Prevention Association meetings and the Detroit Police 80 Hour Crime Prevention School.

(16) “A Threat Analysis of the Sureno Street Gang Impacting the Midwest”, by Deputy Chief Bruce Malkin, West Chicago Police Department, West Chicago, IL.

Two (2) hours
Session credits: Advanced Gang Identification; Gang Investigation Skills; Gang Profile
Analysis.
Abstract
The Surenos (SUR 13) continue to remain one of the fastest growing street gangs in the Midwest with their roots stemming from California and Mexico. Before law enforcement agencies can effectively address the activity/violence associated with the Surenos, detailed information should be acquired and maintained as to membership and gang activity. This session will provide an update of their current activities and assist participants in how to identify and document members belonging to this gang as well as profiling their origin back to California and Mexico.

Bio
Bruce Malkin is currently a Deputy Chief for the West Chicago Police Department with over 29 years of law enforcement experience. He has been investigating street gang crimes for the last 17 years. He formerly supervised the department’s Safe Community Enforcement Team whose focus is to develop gang related prevention initiatives, intelligence collection of street gang activity, and enforcement activities.

He holds a Bachelors degree in Criminal Justice and has his Master’s Degree in Social Work. He currently is an instructor for Northeast Multi-Regional Training lecturing on the “Intricacies of Hispanic Street Gangs”. He also assisted, developed and implemented a training curriculum for Gang Awareness and Identification specifically for DuPage County Law Enforcement. Bruce is a part-time faculty member with the College of DuPage and teaches “Gangs in the Criminal Justice System”. Bruce is also an active member of the DuPage County State’s Attorney’s Office Task Force on Gangs and has been qualified as an expert witness on street gangs in the 18th Judicial Circuit of Illinois..

(17) “Identifying Gang Images in Popular Culture Magazines: A Content Analysis”, by Chris J. Przemieniecki, doctoral student University of North Dakota, Criminal Justice Sciences, Grand Forks, ND.

One (1) hour
Session credits: Advanced Gang Identification Skills; Gangs and the Mass Media; Gang Profile Analysis; Gang Problems in K-12 Schools.

Abstract
Gangs have been portrayed in many facets of the mass media such as Hollywood films, television, autobiographies, and the music industry. Another media tool in which gangs are able to display their influence and messages about gang life can be found in popular culture magazines. This presentation will discuss the research findings of a content analysis that focused on typical gang identifiers in numerous hip-hop, sports, music and popular culture magazines.

Bio
Chris J. Przemieniecki is currently a doctoral student at the University of North Dakota in Criminal Justice Sciences. He is also an adjunct faculty instructor at the University of Minnesota, Crookston, teaching various courses in criminology, criminal justice, and sociology. Przemieniecki received the Frederic M. Thrasher Award from the NGCRC for “Superior Research” in 2006. He is a reviewing editor for the Journal of Gang Research, has published articles about gangs and the mass media, and has spoken at various gang conferences throughout the country.

(18) “8 Steps Good Mentors Take to Shape Young Lives”, by Rev. John W. Selph, Metropolitan Youth For Christ, Chicago, IL.

One (1) hour
Session credits: Faith-Based Gang Intervention; Gang Prevention Skills; Gang Counseling Skills; Gangs in K-12 Schools.

Abstract
Note: this session will be offered only on Thursday, August 7, 2008.
Session Credits: Faith-Based Programs for Gang Intervention; Gang Counseling Techniques; Dealing With Gang Members in Probation/Parole; Gang Prevention Skills.

Abstract
It takes more than good intentions to guide and develop a young person coming out of the gang lifestyle. Let’s look together at practical guidelines that will help those caring adults who want to help make a positive difference. Young former gang members will share their own stories of the impact of mentoring in their lives.

Bio
John Selph has been serving troubled teens and their families for 36 years in various roles of youth worker, pastor and missionary. A native of southern California who holds a B.A. from Azusa
Pacific University, M.A. from Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary and a Diploma from the Spanish Language Institute of San Jose, Costa Rica. Lived and worked in Montevideo, Uruguay for ten years. Since 2000 serves as the Associate Director of the Juvenile Justice Ministry of Metro Chicago Youth For Christ. Weekly leads mentoring sessions both inside and outside of institutions in Cook County and Du Page County.


One and one-half hours (90 minutes)
Session credits: Gangs and the Mass Media; Gang Prevention Skills; Gang Problems in K-12 Schools; Officer Safety Skills in Dealing with Gangs; Advanced Gang Identification Skills.

Abstract
For many years, street gangs have been portrayed in the mass media in such ways as news print, television/news stories, Hollywood films, autobiographies, and the music industry. However, in light of some recent shootings and other forms of teenage violence, some video games today are the sources of violence, being “gang culture learning tools” that spread the gang culture, and in this way become a growing concern to law enforcement, schools, and parents. This presentation will focus primarily on the portrayal of gang-related video games and its impact on youth. This presentation will also provide a historical review of the impact that mass media has had on gang violence. This workshop will examine some of the most recent gang-related video games on the market, how the public and law enforcement have responded, and the impact these “gang-specific” video games are having on our youth. In addition, a proposed prevention/intervention program is outlined to offer suggestions on how to deal with this growing problem, what parents, educators, and police officers can do, and what messages they should communicate in writing to the video industry.

Bio
Chris J. Przemieniecki is currently a doctoral student at the University of North Dakota in Criminal Justice Sciences. He is also an adjunct faculty instructor at the University of Minnesota, Crookston, teaching various courses in criminology, criminal justice, and sociology. Przemieniecki received the Frederic M. Thrasher Award from the NGCRC for “Superior Research” in 2006. He is a reviewing editor for the Journal of Gang Research, has published articles about gangs and the mass media, and has spoken at various gang conferences throughout the country.

(20) “Contraband, Concealed and Improvised Weapons”, by Dr. Gregg W. Etter, Sr., Ed.D., Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO.

One (1) hour
Session credits: Gang Crime Investigation Skills; Gang Homicide Investigation Skills; Domestic Counter-Terrorism Skills; Gang Profile Analysis; Gang Prosecution; Corrections Gang/STG Intelligence; Officer Safety Skills in Dealing With Gangs; Dealing With Gang Members in Probation/Parole; Dealing With Gangs in Juvenile Correctional Facilities.
Note: Restricted to Law Enforcement, Corrections or NGCRC staff.

Abstract
This session will provide an overview of some of the contraband and improvised weapons that a law enforcement correctional officer might encounter when dealing with gang members or STG members either on the street or in a correctional setting. Items seized in booking desk searches are highlighted.

Bio
Dr. Gregg W. Etter, Sr. Ed.D. is an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice at the University of Central Missouri. He retired as a Lieutenant with the Sedgwick County Sheriff’s Office after serving from 1977 to 2006. He is rated as a gang expert by the National Gang Crime Research Center. He has written extensively and presented classes on gangs, white supremacist groups and police management topics in the United States and Canada. Dr. Etter earned his Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees from Wichita State University and his Doctorate degree from Oklahoma State University. He is a member of the American Society of Criminology, the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, British Society of Criminology, and the National Sheriff’s Association.

One (1) hour
Note: This session will occur only on Thursday, August 7th, 2008.
Session credits: Gang Prevention Skills; Faith-Based Programs for Gang Intervention; Gang Counseling Techniques; Dealing With Gang Members on Probation/Parole; Gang Program Grant Writing; Gangs and the Mass Media.

Abstract
Effective public relations can help enlist community understanding, interest, cooperation and support for your gang prevention/intervention program, whether you are involved in law enforcement or a private agency. How to make the best contact and use of service clubs, the media, parent and church groups to get the word out to best impact your area is the emphasis of this practical session.

Bio
Gordon McLean, now in his 56th year of community work with troubled teens, directs the Juvenile Justice Ministry of Metro Chicago Youth for Christ, Inc. He is a senior active member of the world’s first service club, Chicago Rotary Club #1, written 18 books, hosted many radio programs, been featured on TV and spoken to many organizations and seminars across the U.S. and Canada on youth problems.

(22) “Satanism, Occult, Goth, Vampires, and Emo”, by Dr. Dan Feaster, executive director, counselor, educator, and magician with the Samaritan Counseling Center of Southern Wisconsin, Madison, WI.
Two (2) hours
Session credits: Cults, Satanism and Gangs; Gang Prevention Skills, Gang Problems in K-12 Schools; Gang and Violence Prevention for School Administrators; Gang Counseling Skills.
Abstract
Discover why some adolescents are at risk for experimenting and dabbling in the occult, Goth movement, and Satanism. Identify at risk activities and warning signs of serious involvement. Participants will learn to identify gothic style traits and gain an appreciation of different types of occult and Satanism groups. Learn what you can do to prevent and treat those involved.

Bio
Dr. Dan Feaster is the executive director of the Samaritan Counseling Center of Southern Wisconsin. His background includes 27 years experience as a counselor and educator. He holds a Master of Social Work degree, Master of Divinity degree, and a Doctorate in Pastoral Counseling. He brings experience as a counselor, educator, pastor, magician, and martial arts instructor. Dr. Feaster has published a manual on Youth in Destructive Groups: Cults, Gangs, Teenage Satanism and Hate Groups. He has presented workshops throughout the country on prevention and education and has provided counseling for at-risk youths involved in gangs, Satanism, and cults. He also serves on a national board of directors for a cult watch organization.

(23) “Criminal Occult Groups, Satanism and the Goth Culture”, by DeLano Gilkey, Director, National Youth Violence Consultants (NYVC), Surprise, AZ.
Two (2) hours
Session Credits: Cults, Satanism and Gangs; Gang Prevention Skills; Hate Groups/White Racist Extremist Gangs.
Abstract
“I wasn’t born with enough middle fingers”. This quote from Marilyn Manson sums up the hopelessness and anger of some of our youth that have been caught up in the satanic web. Did you know that there is an overlap between Satanic dabbling and ordinary street gang membership activities? This workshop will explore youth involved in the Occult and the Goth movement. You will gain an understanding of the history, signs and symbols, the different levels of involvement, and the possible outcomes of sustained involvement. You will also gain knowledge on the correlation between occult groups and hate groups.

Bio
DeLano Gilkey is the Director of the National Youth Violence Consultants (NYVC). DeLano was a Consultant and Director of Prevention Services/Safe Schools/Truancy for the Rock Island County Regional Office of Education, and in July 2002 became the director of the NYVC. He has ten years of experience in Gang/Drug violence prevention and intervention, and twelve years experience in occult/satanism intervention. A member of the Midwest Gang Investigators Association (MGIA) and the past secretary of the Iowa/Illinois Bi-State Gang Intelligence Association. DeLano also held the position of Vice President of the Illinois School Resource Officers Association. A
nationally recognized speaker, DeLano was recently awarded the National Gang Crime Research Center’s highest honor, given out once a year, the “Frederic Milton Thrasher Award” for “Superior Trainer and Educator in 2002”, “Superior Leadership and Service” in 2000, and in 1998 received the Thrasher Award for “Exemplary Accomplishments in Making Our Schools Safe from the Threat of Gang Violence”. DeLano is considered one of the nation’s most well rounded authorities on the subject of rural and suburban gangs and youth violence and working with at-risk youth. An ex-Marine and Firefighter has played a part in him becoming a valuable resource within the home, community, schools, police departments, courts and youth detention centers throughout America today. He has presented to thousands of youth, educators and law enforcement throughout the United States. DeLano is also a court expert witness, and a school safety and security consultant. Several community agencies and mental health institutions solicit his services for training and to conduct assessments that focus on determining client’s level of involvement with youth violence, gangs or the occult.

(24) “Cartel Wars and Gang Violence”, by Dr. Michael J. Witkowski, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice and Security Administration, University of Detroit Mercy, Detroit, MI.

One (1) hour

Session Credits: Gangs and Drugs; Domestic Counter-Terrorism Skills; Gang Crime Investigation Skills; Gang Homicide Investigation; Gang Profile Analysis.

Abstract

The exponential rise in violent crime associated with Mexican drug cartels/criminal gangs along America’s Southern 2,000 mile border has gone largely unnoticed by the American public. As major Mexican cartels assumed control of lucrative drug corridors into the U.S.A., some peaceful border tourist towns have turned into the scene of gangland slayings, murders of police officers, and assassination of officials. This training segment will introduce attendees to the tactics and history of the border drug wars where the estimated $142 billion dollar drug trafficking business in cocaine, heroin, marijuana, and methamphetamines has witnessed gang executions soar from approximtely 110 in 2001 to some 2,500 in 2007. The tourist trade has almost vanished and violent incursions into the U.S. are being launched by drug gangs and their cohorts, the feared MS-13.

Bio

Dr. Michael J. Witkowski is presently an Associate Professor of Criminal Justice and Security Administration at the University of Detroit Mercy. He is a Certified Protection Professional through the American Society of Industrial Security. Dr. Witkowski serves as an expert witness in matters of civil litigation involving premises liability and security issues nationwide. His interests include gang-generated dysfunction in apartment/public housing communities and the growth of “corporate” styled drug gangs. He is a frequent presenter at a variety of criminal justice/security symposiums and seminars including the Michigan Crime Prevention Association meetings and the Detroit Police 80 Hour Crime Prevention School.


Two (2) hours (120 minutes)

Session credits: Dealing With Gangs in Juvenile Correctional Facilities; Officer Safety Skills in Dealing With Gangs; Dealing With Gang Members in Probation/Parole; Corrections Gang/STG Intelligence.

Abstract

This session will provide the gang specialist a means to recognize potential dangers, avoid injury, and protect themselves from harm. The material is slightly different and more advanced than the sessions in the 2006 or 2007 NGCRC training conferences. The student will be presented basic moves and principles based on pressure points, gross motor skills, and leverage to enable people of all size and stature a means to defend themselves. All are welcome, but the focus of the presentation will be for the novice to beginner level. There is no individual certification available for this program. This is a demonstration of basic self-defense techniques that anyone can perform.

Bio

Lieutenant Jeff Howard is the Security Threat Group Coordinator for the Gus Harrison Correctional Facility in Adrian, Michigan. He majored in Criminal Justice at Ferris State University where he worked for the Department of Public Safety from 1988 to 1991. He has been employed with the Michigan Department of Corrections since 1994 and has been involved with the identification and prevention of Security Threat Groups within the prison system for several years. Lieutenant Howard was a recipient of the Frederic Milton Thrasher Award in 2005 for excellence in gang identification.
In addition, he is the Emergency Response Team (ERT) Commander for the Adrian Complex and has trained teams throughout Michigan in preparation to a tactical response in emergency situations.

(26) “We Don’t Have Gangs --- Just WANNABE’S: Overcoming the Local Gang Denial Syndrome”, by DeLano Gilkey, Director, National Youth Violence Consultants, Surprise, AZ.

Two (2) Hours

Session Credits: Management and Supervision Skills for Gang Specialists; Gang Crime Investigation Skills; Gang Prevention Skills; Gang Problems in K-12 Schools; Gang and Violence Prevention for School Administrators.

Abstract

In this interactive presentation the different types of violent prone youth groups will be identified. The participants will learn why they should be concerned and the correlation between these groups and the rising amount of multiple school shootings and plots. They will also learn how to identify the characteristics of the individuals involved in anti-social groups. Not only how to identify them, but more importantly, what do you do once they have been identified. Communication and monitoring techniques, assessing your schools security level, school safety awareness, concealed drugs and weapons awareness.

Bio

DeLano is the Director of the National Youth Violence Consultants (NYVC). He has also been a Sergeant at the Osceola County Juvenile Detention Center in Kissimmee, Florida. DeLano was the Director of Prevention Services/Safe Schools/Truancy for the Rock Island County Regional Office Of Education in Illinois, until resigning in July 2002 to become the director of the NYVC. He has over ten years experience in Gang/Drug violence prevention and intervention, and twelve years experience in occult/satanism intervention. A member of the Midwest Gang Investigators Association and the past secretary of the Iowa/Illinois Bi-State Gang Intelligence Association. DeLano also held the position of Vice President of the Illinois School Resource Officers Association. A nationally recognized speaker, DeLano was recently awarded the National Gang Crime Research Center’s highest honor, given out once a year, the “Frederick Milton Thrasher Award” for “Superior Trainer and Educator in 2002”, “Superior Leadership and Service” in 2000 and in 1998 received the Thrasher award for “Exemplary Accomplishments in Making Our Schools Safe from the Threat of Gang Violence”. DeLano is considered one of the region’s most well rounded authorities, on the subject of rural and suburban gangs and youth violence and working with at-risk youth. An ex-Marine and Firefighter has played a part in him becoming a valuable resource within the home, community, schools, police departments, courts and youth detention centers. He has presented to thousands of youth, educators and law enforcement throughout the United States. DeLano is also a court expert witness, and a school safety and security consultant. Several community agencies and mental health institutions solicit his services for training and to conduct assessments that focus on determining client’s level of involvement with youth violence, gangs or the occult.


One (1) hour

Session credits: Advanced Gang Identification; K-12 Schools; Gang and Violence Prevention for School Administrators; Gang Prevention; Gang Internet Investigation; Gang Crime Investigation.

Abstract

This introductory course will familiarize participants with several computer basics, visible/invisible web and open source intelligence. Participants will learn how to manage their online resources to enhance their abilities within the fields of apprehension, prosecution, prevention, intervention, restoration, restorative justice and information management.

Bio

Ken Davis is presently a School Resource Officer at a middle-school in Yonkers, NY. During the nineties, he was co-founder/field coordinator of a community-based graffiti art program; and a member of a law enforcement graffiti/street gang unit. Since then, he has attended and presented at several local, regional, national and international information-sharing conferences sponsored by law enforcement and civilian agencies. Along with a MS Degree in Human Resource Management, he maintains 64 accredited hours as a graffiti specialist; 449.5 hours as a gang specialist; 46 hours as a community mediator; 121.5 hours in race-relations, and 24 hours in Expert Testimony. As “Grafcop”, his e-correspondences can be observed on e-groups such as GANGINFO, NASRO, No-Graffiti
Network, CGIA, and NYGIA.

(28) “Faces of Hate: Domestic Terrorism and the White Supremacist Movement”, by Dr. Gregg W. Etter, Sr., University of Central Missouri, Department of Criminal Justice, Warrensburg, MO.

Two (2) hours

Session Credits: Gang Crime Investigation Skills; Gang Homicide Investigation Skills; Domestic Counter-Terrorism Skills; Gang Profile Analysis; Officer Safety Skills; Hate Group/White Racist Extremist Gangs; Dealing With Gang Members in Probation/Parole; Advanced Gang Identification; Gangs and Drugs; Gang Prosecution; Motorcycle Gangs; Corrections Gang/STG Intelligence.

Abstract

By definition, white supremacist movements have been long noted for their racist views. The perception that they have no legitimate means to achieve success has lead many white supremacist groups to advocate more extreme solutions. It is not uncommon today to find many of these groups openly advocating race war and revolution against American society as a whole. This presentation examines the historical, religious and political reasons that motivate the members of the white supremacist movement.

Bio

Dr. Gregg W. Etter, Sr. Ed.D. is an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice at the University of Central Missouri. He retired as a Lieutenant with the Sedgwick County Sheriff’s Office after serving from 1977 to 2006. He is rated as a gang expert by the National Gang Crime Research Center. He has written extensively and presented classes on gangs, white supremacist groups and police management topics in the United States and Canada. Dr. Etter earned his Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees from Wichita State University and his Doctorate degree from Oklahoma State University. He is a member of the American Society of Criminology, the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, British Society of Criminology, and the National Sheriff’s Association.

(29) “Use and Distribution of Gang Intelligence: Policy, Process, and Architecture”, by Mr. Mun-Wai Hon, CISSP, Noblis Center for Criminal Justice Technology, Falls Church, VA.

Two (2) hours (120 minutes)

Session credits: Gang Crime Investigation Skills; Corrections Gang/STG Intelligence; Domestic Counter-Terrorism Skills; Gang Prosecution.

Abstract

Collecting, sharing, and disseminating gang intelligence can often pose difficult challenges to law enforcement and community groups alike. The Noblis Center for Criminal Justice Technology partnered with the Washington-Baltimore HIDTA to explore how agencies across the nation are approaching these challenges. This session will provide a summary of the policy findings, best practices, and lessons learned. Attendees will see sample MOU documents, high level system architecture, and some sample reports generated by surveyed agencies.

Bio

Mr. Mun-Wai Hon is a Principal Systems Engineer at the Nobis Center for Criminal Justice Technology. For over 10 years, Mr. Hon has worked with analyzing and developing technological solutions for various levels of law enforcement and criminal justice organizations. Prior to coming to Noblis, Mr. Hon worked for a number of defense contractor companies in areas such as network security, enterprise architecture development, and systems engineering. He has also performed research and development work in artificial intelligence and electrical brain wave signals. Mr. Hon earned an MS degree in Engineering Management and Systems Engineering from the George Washington University as well as a BS Degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Virginia. Mr. Hon is a Certified Information Systems Security Professional and holds Professional Engineer EIT registrations in Virginia and California. He currently also serves as an adjunct professor at George Mason University and Northern Virginia Community College.

(30) “What Lies, Beneath the Rock? Hate! The systematic approach to poisoning our youth.”, by DeLano Gilkey, Director, National Youth Violence Consultants, Surprise, AZ.

Three (3) Hours

Session Credits: Gang Problems in K-12 Schools; Hate Groups/White Racist Extremist Gangs; Gang Crime Investigation Skills; Gang and Violence Prevention for School Administrators.

Abstract
Did you know that 75% of the assailants in the multiple school shooting incidents in previous years was associated with a hate group or occult-type group? For the last ten years while we have been expending a lot of our energy combating street gangs (as we should), another gang has been growing at an astounding rate under our nose and beneath a rock. This workshop will examine how the National Alliance and other hate groups are recruiting members at a younger age to carry out their agenda, the inevitable consequences and what this means for the safety of our schools and communities.

Bio

DeLano is the Director of the National Youth Violence Consultants (NYVC). He has also been a Sergeant at the Osceola County Juvenile Detention Center in Kissimmee, Florida. DeLano was the Director of Prevention Services/Safe Schools/Truancy for the Rock Island County Regional Office Of Education in Illinois, until resigning in July 2002 to become the director of the NYVC. He has over ten years experience in Gang/Drug violence prevention and intervention, and twelve years experience in occult/satanism intervention. A member of the Midwest Gang Investigators Association and the past secretary of the Iowa/Illinois Bi-State Gang Intelligence Association. DeLano also held the position of Vice President of the Illinois School Resource Officers Association. A Nationally recognized speaker, DeLano was recently awarded the National Gang Crime Research Center’s highest honor, given out once a year, the “Frederick Milton Thrasher Award” for “Superior Trainer and Educator in 2002”, “Superior Leadership and Service” in 2000 and in 1998 received the Thrasher award for “Exemplary Accomplishments in Making Our Schools Safe from the Threat of Gang Violence”. DeLano is considered one of the region’s most well rounded authorities, on the subject of rural and suburban gangs and youth violence and working with at-risk youth. An ex-Marine and Firefighter has played a part in him becoming a valuable resource within the home, community, schools, police departments, courts and youth detention centers. He has presented to thousands of youth, educators and law enforcement throughout the United States. DeLano is also a court expert witness, and a school safety and security consultant. Several community agencies and mental health institutions solicit his services for training and to conduct assessments that focus on determining client’s level of involvement with youth violence, gangs or the occult.

(31) “Young Boys, Incorporated (Y.B.I.) — Detroit’s First Corporate Drug Gang”, by Dr. Michael J. Witkowski, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice and Security Administration, University of Detroit Mercy, Detroit, MI.

One (1) hour
Session Credits: Gang Crime Investigation Skills; Gangs and Drugs; Gang Profile Analysis; Gang Prosecution.

Abstract

This segment will explore the growth of Detroit’s most infamous drug gang and its leader Milton “Butch” Jones. Working his way up from a street level hustler, Jones became the kingpin of YBI. His business approach to the sale of heroin and cocaine became the model for rival drug gangs in Detroit and in other American cities. The inner-workings of this drug operation will be explored. An update of Jones’ recent federal indictment will also be detailed.

Bio

Dr. Michael J. Witkowski is presently an Associate Professor of Criminal Justice and Security Administration at the University of Detroit Mercy. He is a Certified Protection Professional through the American Society of Industrial Security. Dr. Witkowski serves as an expert witness in matters of civil litigation involving premises liability and security issues nationwide. His interests include gang-generated dysfunction in apartment/public housing communities and the growth of “corporate” styled drug gangs. He is a frequent presenter at a variety of criminal justice/security symposiums and seminars including the Michigan Crime Prevention Association meetings and the Detroit Police 80 Hour Crime Prevention School.

(32) “Implementing a Statewide Gang Intelligence Data Base”, by Starr Barbaro, MPA, North Carolina Governor’s Crime Commission, Raleigh, NC.

One (1) hour
Session credits: Gang Crime Investigation Skills; Gang Homicide Investigation Skills; Gang Prosecution.

Abstract

Law enforcement is finding it more difficult to track gang members as they migrate from state to state; and local jurisdiction to local jurisdiction. A statewide intelligence data base can provide this vital information to law enforcement, plus provide the necessary tools to document criminal gang
activity as well as provide some security measures to law enforcement. This presentation will discuss the importance of a statewide system, as well as how to convene a steering committee and avoid pitfalls.

Bio

(33) “So.....Does it Work? Program and Intervention Evaluation”, by Andrew V. Papachristos, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Mass. Amherst, Amherst, MA.
Note: This course will occur only on Weds or Thurs
- 1.5 Hours (90) minutes
- Session Credits: Gang Prevention Skills; Gang Problems in K-12 Schools; Gang and Violence Prevention for School Administrators; Faith-Based Programs; Gang Program Grantwriting/ Fundraising Skills; Management and Supervision Skills.
- Abstract
- This session will discuss basic social scientific methods that can be used to evaluate the impact (if any) of gang prevention, intervention, and law enforcement initiatives. Basic quasi-experimental design and methods will be taught. The goal of the session is to provide basic knowledge and skills of evaluation techniques that can be directly applied in different settings. No statistical background is required.

Bio
Andrew Papachristos is the Director of Field Research of the National Gang Crime Research Center; he completed his doctorate at the Department of Sociology at the University of Chicago. For over 13 years, Andrew has been working with gangs in a variety of capacities including direct street intervention, program development and evaluation, and multiple areas of gang research. A recipient of the Frederic Milton Thrasher Award of the National Gang Crime Research Center and the Hans Mattick Award of the Illinois Academy of Criminology, Andrew is the author of A.D., After the Disciples: The Neighborhood Impact of Federal Gang Prosecution and The Vice Lords: A Gang Profile Analysis. His recent work examines the influence of gang network structures on neighborhoods and crime.

(34) “Gangs, Cops & Community”, by Kenneth A. Davis, School Resource Officer, Yonkers, NY.
- One (1) hour
- Session credits: Gang Problems in K-12 Schools; Gang and Violence Prevention for School Administrators; Gang Prevention Skills. Officer Safety Skills; Dealing With Gang Members in Probation/Parole.
- Abstract
- Motivated by Peter Jennings’ TV Documentary, Protect Serve and Survive, participants will learn new ways to improve their relationships with the community, particularly when the police officer is working in a community with an ongoing gang problem. Participants will view short video-clips pertaining to one urban environment in California and another within New York. Also recommended for probation/parole officers and others working in a gang-ridden neighborhood.

Bio
Ken Davis is presently a School Resource Officer at a middle-school in Yonkers, NY. During the nineties, he was co-founder/field coordinator of a community-based graffiti art program; and a member of a law enforcement graffiti/street gang unit. Since then, he has attended and presented at several local, regional, national and international information-sharing conferences sponsored by law enforcement and civilian agencies. Along with a MS Degree in Human Resource Management, he maintains 64 accredited hours as a graffiti specialist; 449.5 hours as a gang specialist; 46 hours as a community mediator; 121.5 hours in race-relations, and 24 hours in Expert Testimony. As “GrafCop”, his e-correspondences can be observed on e-groups such as GANGINFO, NASRO, No-Graffiti Network, CGIA, and NYGIA.

(35) “Hate Groups: The Ku Klux Klan”, by Dr, Gregg W. Etter, Sr., University of Central Missouri, Department of Criminal Justice, Warrensburg, MO.
- Two (2) Hours
- Session Credits: Gang Crime Investigation Skills; Gang Homicide Investigation Skills; Domestic Counter-Terrorism Skills; Gang Profile Analysis; Officer Safety Skills; Hate Group / White Racist Extremist Gangs; Dealing With Gang Members in Probation/Parole; Advanced Gang
Identification; Gangs and Drugs; Gang Prosecution; Motorcycle Gangs; Corrections Gang/STG Intelligence.

Abstract
The Ku Klux Klan is the longest existing extremist group in the United States. It has moved through three distinct phases of development: Resistance, Reactionary, and Revolutionary during its history. As a Security Threat Group, the crimes committed by members of the KKK were mostly political, but this may be changing. This paper examines the history, evolution, current operations and future of the KKK in the United States and possible implications for law enforcement.

Bio
Dr. Gregg W. Etter, Sr. Ed.D. is an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice at the University of Central Missouri. He retired as a Lieutenant with the Sedgwick County Sheriff’s Office after serving from 1977 to 2006. He is rated as a gang expert by the National Gang Crime Research Center. He has written extensively and presented classes on gangs, white supremacist groups and police management topics in the United States and Canada. Dr. Etter earned his Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees from Wichita State University and his Doctorate degree from Oklahoma State University. He is a member of the American Society of Criminology, the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, British Society of Criminology, and the National Sheriff’s Association.


Two (2) Hours
Session Credits: Female Gangs; Gangs and the Mass Media; Gang Prevention Skills.

Abstract
In this session, we will systematically explore the significance of Gangster Rap Music. You will gain an understanding of the history of Gangster Rap music, the differences between several genres, how it is used for coast to coast gang communication, and how it can be a vital and useful tool for investigating street gang and organized crime. Local, national and international comparisons will be made.

Bio
DeLano is the Director of the National Youth Violence Consultants (NYVC). He has also been a Sergeant at the Osceola County Juvenile Detention Center in Kissimmee, Florida. DeLano was the Director of Prevention Services/Safe Schools/Truancy for the Rock Island County Regional Office Of Education in Illinois, until resigning in July 2002 to become the director of the NYVC. He has over ten years experience in Gang/Drug violence prevention and intervention, and twelve years experience in occult/satanism intervention. A member of the Midwest Gang Investigators Association and the past secretary of the Iowa/Illinois Bi-State Gang Intelligence Association, DeLano also held the position of Vice President of the Illinois School Resource Officers Association. A Nationally recognized speaker, DeLano was recently awarded the National Gang Crime Research Center’s highest honor, given out once a year, the “Frederick Milton Thrasher Award” for “Superior Trainer and Educator in 2002”, “Superior Leadership and Service” in 2000 and in 1998 received the Thrasher award for “Exemplary Accomplishments in Making Our Schools Safe from the Threat of Gang Violence”. DeLano is considered one of the region’s most well rounded authorities, on the subject of rural and suburban gangs and youth violence and working with at-risk youth. An ex-Marine and Firefighter has played a part in him becoming a valuable resource within the home, community, schools, police departments, courts and youth detention centers. He has presented to thousands of youth, educators and law enforcement throughout the United States. DeLano is also a court expert witness, and a school safety and security consultant. Several community agencies and mental health institutions solicit his services for training and to conduct assessments that focus on determining client’s level of involvement with youth violence, gangs or the occult.

(37) “Open Source Forensic Software Tools: Looking for Gang Related Evidence on Computers”, by Mr. Mun-Wai Hon, CISSP, Noblis Center for Criminal Justice Technology, Falls Church, VA.

Two (2) hours (120 minutes)
Session credits: Gang Internet Investigation Skills; Gang Crime Investigation Skills; Gang Homicide Investigation Skills; Gang Prosecution; Domestic Counter-Terrorism Skills.

Abstract
As evident through MySpace and other online web sites, gang members are increasing their use of technology to promote and advertise their gang activities which may include crimes committed
in building reputation. Law enforcement initiatives aimed at investigating a suspected gang, gang member, or gang crime, need tools to quickly see if a personal computer has evidence of illegal activity. This session provides an introduction to the free open source software tools that are currently in use by investigators. Attendees will see how to crack the passwords on a gang member’s computer, how to run a field investigation tool kit, and also understand some of the technical and legal issues involved in using the tools.

**Bio**

Mr. Mun-Wai Hon is a Principal Systems Engineer at the Nobis Center for Criminal Justice Technology. For over 10 years, Mr. Hon has worked with analyzing and developing technological solutions for various levels of law enforcement and criminal justice organizations. Prior to coming to Noblis, Mr. Hon worked for a number of defense contractor companies in areas such as network security, enterprise architecture development, and systems engineering. He has also performed research and development work in artificial intelligence and electrical brain wave signals. Mr. Hon earned an MS degree in Engineering Management and Systems Engineering from the George Washington University as well as a BS Degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Virginia. Mr. Hon is a Certified Information Systems Security Professional and holds Professional Engineer EIT registrations in Virginia and California. He currently also serves as an adjunct professor at George Mason University and Northern Virginia Community College.

(38) “Gang Mapping: Using Spatial Analysis and Mapping Techniques for Gang Investigation and Research”, by Andrew V. Papachristos, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Mass. Amherst, Amherst, MA.

Note: This course will occur only on Weds. Or Thurs.

One (1) Hour

Session Credits: Gang Profile Analysis; Gang Crime Investigation; Management and Supervision Skills for Gang Specialists; Spatio-Temporal Gang Analysis.

**Abstract**

Crime mapping has become a widely used method in understanding crime trends and patterns. Given their dynamic and territorial nature, crime mapping offers a potentially powerful tool in understanding gangs. This session will discuss uses of Geographical Information Systems (GIS) mapping software for gang investigation and research. Techniques used for mapping gang conflict, territory, and “set space” will be discussed as well as some of the unique challenges in “gang mapping”. Other types of non-spatial mapping, such as network and conflict maps, will also be discussed.

**Bio**

Andrew Papachristos is the Director of Field Research of the National Gang Crime Research Center; he completed his doctoral work in the Department of Sociology at the University of Chicago. For over 13 years, Andrew has been working with gangs in a variety of capacities including direct street intervention, program development and evaluation, and multiple areas of gang research. A recipient of the Frederic Milton Thrasher Award of the National Gang Crime Research Center and the Hans Mattick Award of the Illinois Academy of Criminology, Andrew is the author of *A.D., After the Disciples: The Neighborhood Impact of Federal Gang Prosecution* and *The Vice Lords: A Gang Profile Analysis*. His recent work examines the influence of gang network structures on neighborhoods and crime.

(39) “Liability Avoidance for Gang Crime”, by Dr. Michael J. Witkowski, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice and Security Administration, University of Detroit Mercy, Detroit, MI.

One (1) hour

Session Credits: Gang Prevention Skills; Management and Supervision Skills for Gang Specialists; Gang Problems in K-12 Schools.

**Abstract**

This segment will explore the impact of gang activity on the legal field of premises liability. The impact of the built environment (CPTED) in public housing settings will be discussed. The migration of gangs to suburban and rural American apartment communities will also be explored. A number of the presenter’s actual case histories will be highlighted to help illustrate the negative premises outcomes of gang behavior in a variety of settings such as housing, fast food restaurants, nightclubs, casinos, and schools. Observations and conclusions will be shared.

**Bio**
Dr. Michael J. Witkowski is presently an Associate Professor of Criminal Justice and Security Administration at the University of Detroit Mercy. He is a Certified Protection Professional through the American Society of Industrial Security. Dr. Witkowski serves as an expert witness in matters of civil litigation involving premises liability and security issues nationwide. His interests include gang-generated dysfunction in apartment/public housing communities and the growth of “corporate” styled drug gangs. He is a frequent presenter at a variety of criminal justice/security symposiums and seminars including the Michigan Crime Prevention Association meetings and the Detroit Police 80 Hour Crime Prevention School.

(40) “White Extremists, Bikers and Drugs in the Midwest: A 2007 Update”, by Dr. Gregg W. Etter, Sr., University of Central Missouri, Department of Criminal Justice, Warrensburg, MO.

Two (2) hours

Session Credits: Gang Crime Investigation Skills; Gang Homicide Investigation Skills; Domestic Counter-Terrorism Skills; Gang Profile Analysis; Officer Safety Skills; Hate Group/White Racist Extremist Gangs; Dealing With Gang Members in Probation/Parole; Advanced Gang Identification; Gangs and Drugs; Gang Prosecution; Motorcycle Gangs; Corrections Gang/STG Intelligence.

Abstract

White extremist and bikers groups have many common characteristics and motivations. Both groups reject societal norms, wear distinctive clothing, embrace fascist totemism and commit crimes to further their respective causes. The types of crimes and the underlying reasons for these crimes are often different. Once in captivity, the two groups often unite in prison gangs. This presentation will examine what the two groups have in common, what is different and their relationship to the drug trade in the Mid-West.

Bio

Dr. Gregg W. Etter, Sr. Ed.D. is an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice at the University of Central Missouri. He retired as a Lieutenant with the Sedgwick County Sheriff’s Office after serving from 1977 to 2006. He is rated as a gang expert by the National Gang Crime Research Center. He has written extensively and presented classes on gangs, white supremacist groups and police management topics in the United States and Canada. Dr. Etter earned his Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees from Wichita State University and his Doctorate degree from Oklahoma State University. He is a member of the American Society of Criminology, the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, British Society of Criminology, and the National Sheriff’s Association.

(41) “The Structure of Gang Homicide in Chicago”, by Andrew V. Papachristos, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Mass. Amherst, Amherst, MA..

Note: This course will occur only on Weds or Thurs.

One (1) Hour

Session Credits: Gang Homicide Investigation Skills; Gang Crime Investigation; Management and Supervision Skills for Gang Specialists; Spatio-Temporal Gang Analysis.

Abstract

This session will review gang homicide trends in Chicago and show how patterns of social networks among and between gangs directly contribute to patterns of gang homicide. In short, different relations and networks between and among gangs lead to different patterns of gang homicide, including racial and ethnic differences. Techniques for determining the structure of gang crime, and its implications for investigation and research, will also be discussed.

Bio

Andrew Papachristos is the Director of Field Research of the National Gang Crime Research Center; his doctorate was completed at the Department of Sociology at the University of Chicago. For over 13 years, Andrew has been working with gangs in a variety of capacities including direct street intervention, program development and evaluation, and multiple areas of gang research. A recipient of the Frederic Milton Thrasher Award of the National Gang Crime Research Center and the Hans Mattick Award of the Illinois Academy of Criminology, Andrew is the author of A.D., After the Disciples: The Neighborhood Impact of Federal Gang Prosecution and The Vice Lords: A Gang Profile Analysis. His recent work examines the influence of gang network structures on neighborhoods and crime.

(42) “The Radicalization of U.S. Prison Inmates”, by Michael J. Witkowski, CPP, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice and Security Administration, University of Detroit Mercy, Detroit, MI.

One (1) Hour
American prison inmates, at all levels of custody, are potentially susceptible to extremist propaganda from terrorist or hate groups often using their distorted version of religion. The possibility for radicalization of prison inmates poses serious concerns for American law enforcement and society. Extreme religious and political beliefs have an inherent appeal to inmates who can seek to justify their hatred of perceived enemies by demonizing them. They can further channel violence and deviant skill sets to extremist groups and claim righteousness in doing so. Prison, being a place of frequent violence, is a fertile ground for extremist radicalization and recruitment by foreign and domestic terrorists.

Bio
Dr. Michael J. Witkowski is presently an Associate Professor of Criminal Justice and Security Administration at the University of Detroit Mercy. He is a Certified Protection Professional through the American Society of Industrial Security. Dr. Witkowski serves as an expert witness in matters of civil litigation involving premises liability and security issues nationwide. His interests include gang-generated dysfunction in apartment/public housing communities and the growth of “corporate” styled drug gangs. He is a frequent presenter at a variety of criminal justice/security symposiums and seminars including the Michigan Crime Prevention Association meetings and the Detroit Police 80 Hour Crime Prevention School.

(43) “Correctional Officer Survival Training”, by John Douglas “A-Train” Atkisson, Gang Specialist, Milwaukee County Children’s Detention Center, Milwaukee, WI.
1.5 hours (90 minutes)
Session credits: Officer Safety Skills in Dealing With Gangs; Corrections Gang/STG Intelligence; Dealing With Gang Members in Juvenile Correctional Facilities.
Restriction: Due to the sensitive nature of this course, only Law Enforcement and Correctional Professionals will be allowed to attend.
Abstract
A correctional officer today faces many challenges from AIDS to dealing with terrorist threats. Correctional officers works in an ever changing and increasingly violent environment where new skills and tactics are needed to prevail over threats like those posed by gangs and gang members. To meet these challenges the presenter has developed Correctional Officer Survival Training (C.O.S.T.), which is a component of The Atkisson Combat Tactical System. The system is based on “The Four Shields Concept”, and is designed to protect an officer from civil and criminal liability as well. Come and learn how some of these tactics might work for you.

Bio
John Douglas “A-Train” Atkisson is a Gang Specialist with the Milwaukee County Children’s Detention Center, creator and founder of the Security Threat Group and Intelligence Unit, creator of The Atkisson Combat Tactical System, member of the following organizations: The Midwest Gang Investigator’s Association, Great Lakes International Gang Investigators Coalition, Honorary Member of the National Latino Peace Officer’s Association, mentor at Cornerstone Achievement Academy, Founder’s Society of America’s Black Holocaust Museum, Wall of Tolerance. Served on security detail of George P. Bush and a proud supporter of the following causes: The United Negro College Fund, The Martin Luther King Memorial, The Red Tail Project (Honoring the Tuskegee Airmen), Special Olympics, The National Law Enforcement Officer’s Memorial Fund, The Native-American Rights Fund, and St. Jude Childrens Fund. Mr. Atkisson is currently developing a business to train military, law enforcement and special operations units.

(44) “History of the Insane Spanish Cobra’s Street Gang”, by Investigator Fred Moreno, Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office, Bureau of Investigations, Chicago, IL.
One (1) hour
Note: Attendance is Restricted to Law Enforcement Officers Only.
Note: This session will be taught only on Thursday morning, room requires a one hour prep (thus it takes up a two hour slot in room assignment).
Session Credits: Gang Profile Analysis Skills; Gang Crime Investigation Skills.
Abstract
This one hour session shall give to those Law Enforcement personnel in attendance just what the title says, a history of this street gang, from its formation on the near West side of the City of
Chicago to its current status today. The original members and leadership of this gang shall be identified, their growth and criminal activity shall be discussed giving those in attendance an understanding that this is indeed a very active and violent criminal street gang.

Bio
Fred Moreno is a veteran of the Chicago Police Department, retiring with the rank of Gang Specialist. For the past six years he has been serving as an investigator with the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office Gang Investigation Section. Fred also is the co-chair of the NGCRC’s Corrections/Law Enforcement Networking Meeting, being held this year and in previous years. Fred is widely acknowledged by the NGCRC as the single best authority in the world today about this gang.

(45) ”Magic, Mind Reading and Critical Thinking Skills”, by Dr. Dan Feaster, executive director, counselor, educator, and magician with the Samaritan Counseling Center of Southern Wisconsin, Madison, WI.

1.5 hours (90 minutes)
Session credits: Gang Prevention Skills, Gang Problems in K-12 Schools; Gang and Violence Prevention for School Administrators; Cults, Satanism and Gangs; Gang Counseling Skills.

Abstract
Learn how magic can be used to deceive people or to teach critical thinking skills. Participants will gain an understanding of magic and mind reading and how they can be used in deception. The use of magic can also help gain rapport with youths. Principles of magic and deception can also be useful in investigations and in educational/prevention programs. Participants will learn some magic tricks that can be incorporated into prevention and educational programs. For those interested, a magic kit will be available for purchase.

Bio
Dr. Dan Feaster is the executive director of the Samaritan Counseling Center of Southern Wisconsin. His background includes 27 years experience as a counselor and educator. He holds a Master of Social Work degree, Master of Divinity degree, and a Doctorate in Pastoral Counseling. He brings experience as a counselor, educator, pastor, magician, and martial arts instructor. Dr. Feaster has published a manual on Youth in Destructive Groups: Cults, Gangs, Teenage Satanism and Hate Groups. He has presented workshops throughout the country on prevention and education and has provided counseling for at-risk youths involved in gangs, Satanism, and cults. Dr. Feaster has performed professionally as a magician and has taught numerous magic programs and uses magic in youth prevention and educational programs.

(46) ”The Role of Sports in Gang Prevention/Intervention”, by Chris J. Przemieniecki, doctoral student University of North Dakota, Criminal Justice Sciences, Grand Forks, ND.

One and one-half hours (90 minutes)
Session credits: Gang Prevention Skills; Gang Problems in K-12 Schools; Gang Counseling Techniques; Gang and Violence Prevention for School Administrators.

Abstract
This session will examine the history of using sports as a way to reduce gang membership and violence. This session will also examine the pros and cons of implementing sports into gang prevention and intervention programs. Issues such as “contamination” (accidental mixing of gang members with non-gang members), trends in high school sports with potential gang involvement, recruiting, and the failures and success of past and current programs are examined. Finally, this session will provide some insight on how to set up a sports-related gang prevention or gang intervention program.

Bio
Chris J. Przemieniecki is currently a doctoral student at the University of North Dakota in Criminal Justice Sciences and a COACH for more than 20 years. An adjunct faculty Instructor at the University of Minnesota, Crookston, he teaches various courses in criminology, criminal justice, and sociology. Przemieniecki received the Frederic M. Thrasher Award from the NGCRC for “Superior Research” in 2006. He is a reviewing editor for the Journal of Gang Research, has published articles about gangs and the mass media, and has spoken at various gang conferences throughout the country. Przemieniecki has also coached youth, college level, and professional athletes. He is currently a NCAA college coach in soccer and a director of a youth club.

(47) “The Law Enforcement and Corrections Networking Reception”, by Robert Mulvaney, STG Coordinator, Michigan Department of Corrections; and Fred Moreno, Cook County State’s Attorney
Office — Gang Investigation Section, Chicago, IL.

One (1) hour

Session credits: Corrections/STG Gang Intelligence; Gang Problems in K-12 Schools; Gang and Violence Prevention for School Administrators; Dealing with Gang Members in Probation/Parole; Gang Prevention Skills; Dealing With Gangs in Juvenile Corrections.

Abstract

This session is the official meeting of the Law Enforcement/Corrections Networking Reception sponsored by the National Gang Crime Research Center (NGCRC) and hosted by Robert Mulvaney and Fred Moreno. You are invited to bring your agency patches as you can be part of a National Patch Swap. Valuable door prizes are given to session participants. Many people return to the NGCRC conference as this is an incredible networking opportunity.

Bios

Robert Mulvaney is the Security Threat Group Coordinator for the Michigan Department of Corrections. His background of 29 years experience includes positions as a corrections officer, unit manager and parole officer. He has done presentations for numerous agencies. He is a member of the Midwest Gang Investigators Association (MGIA), a state coordinator with the National Major Gang Task Force (N.M.G.T.F.), and the Mid-Michigan Crime Prevention Association. He has written articles for Corrections Alert (Oct. 1998) and the Journal of Gang Research.

Fred Moreno is a veteran of the Chicago Police Department, retiring with the rank of Gang Specialist. For the past 8 years, he has been serving as an investigator with the Cook County State’s Attorney Office — Gang Investigation Section. Fred is also the co-chair of the NGCRC’s Corrections/Law Enforcement Networking Reception, being held this year and in previous years.


1.5 hours (90 minutes)

Session credits: Faith-Based Programs for Gang Intervention; Gang Counseling Techniques; Dealing With Gang Members in Probation/Parole.

Special Note: This session will be offered only on Thursday, August 7th, 2008.

Abstract

More than just an hour in a chapel service, troubled kids are being turned around by the impact of a positive Gospel message — especially with a strong follow-up program. What works, and what doesn’t work with these kids. Young former street gang members tell their own story in person at this session. Among the follow-up tools: A United Nations meeting of young rivals (do this very carefully!) And an Aspire Center offering GED classes, job preparation and basic computer skills. Also: a short, exciting video with some of the youth impacted by this program.

Bio

Gordon McLean, now in his 56th year of community work with troubled teens, directs the Juvenile Justice Ministry of Metro Chicago Youth for Christ, Inc. He is a senior active member of the world’s first service club, Chicago Rotary Club #1, written 18 books, hosted many radio programs, been featured on TV and spoken to many organizations and seminars across the U.S. and Canada on youth problems. But he’s most at home with young gang kids and has a unique perspective on their world - he’ll tell you trends he’s seeing daily on the streets. Most important, he’ll talk about how to reach them and turn their life around.


One (1) hour

Note: this is scheduled for Thursday, August 7, 2008, noon.

Session credits: Faith-Based Programs for Gang Intervention; Gang Prevention Skills; Dealing With Gang Members in Juvenile Correctional Facilities.

Abstract

This is available only to persons registered for the conference. This will be held during the “lunch hour” (12pm - 1pm) on Thursday, August 16, 2007. If you answered “YES” to the question on your registration form “I am interested in networking with Christian gang specialists while at this conference”, then your I.D. Badge is already coded with a special ticket code that allows you into this reception. If you answered “NO” or left the question blank, it was assumed you are not interested. If you would like to change your mind, then you must do so prior to showing up at the conference: you
can do it simply by mailing the NGCRC Conference Processing Center a letter or memo to the effect
“if I was listed as NO or BLANK for the Christian Gang Specialist Reception, I wish to modify my
registration data to reflect the new code of YES for attending this gang specialist networking event”. As we need to plan on how many are attending, no “walk ins” will be allowed. And as is the NGCRC
tradition, of course, there are “door prizes” at this reception. Come prepared for some amazing
testimony.

Bios
The two co-chairs of the 2007 NGCRC Christian Gang Specialist Reception are: Rev.
Gordon McLean (Chicago, IL) and TBA. The format this year will likely be a luncheon format (we are
still working out specific arrangements: so stay tuned to this website for further details and
developments).

(50) “Outlaw Motorcycle Groups”, by Josef D. Wehlauch, Illinois Department of Corrections,
Springfield, IL.
Two (2) hours
Note: This course will be taught only on Wednesday or Thursday.
Session credits: Gang Crime Investigation Skills; Motorcycle Gangs; Gang Prosecution;
Corrections Gang/STG Intelligence; Hate Groups/White Racist Extremist Gangs.
Abstract
This presentation will discuss various issues of Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs within the Illinois
Department of Corrections. The various topics to be covered will include the histories of the various
OMC’s within the Department, as well as the current trends that are occurring within the Department
of Corrections. The topics to be discussed will include the various OMC’s that are found within the
system, where the OMC’s are operating within the state, and the alignments within the Department.
The program will also make mention of the various Duck Clubs and their various emblems. This will
be a powerpoint presentation that will include numerous graphics, that will include the numerous types
of tattoos associated with the various OMC’s, and a short description of the constitutions.
Bio
Mr. Wehlauch started with the Illinois Department of Corrections in November 1989 and
worked at the Pontiac Correctional Center, a Maximum Security Institution, as a Correctional Officer.
Volunteered as a member of the Tactical Team, S.E.R.T., WRIT Team and as a Training Officer. I
was promoted into the position of Staff Development Specialist in April 2000. His various duties
involve the training of Cadets and In-Service personnel. Mr. Wehlauch’s primary areas of training
involve Hostage Negotiations I, II, III, and IV, Chemical Agent Coordinator, Firearms, Security
Threat Groups, and Critical Incidents.

Mr. Wehlauch was Honorably Discharged from the U.S. Army after approximately 10 years
and stationed at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. He also earned numerous awards while in the service, to
include Combat Infantry Badge, Jumpmaster, SCUBA, Army Achievement Medal, Army
Commendation Medal, and numerous certificates of training. He also earned a BS in Criminal Justice,
and is currently finishing up his Master’s.

(51) “Working With Gang Involved Youth on Probation and Parole”, by Tom Schneider, M.S.,
and Kevin Kreuser, B.S., Cook County Illinois Juvenile Court, Chicago, IL.
Two (2) hours
Session credits: Dealing With Gang Members in Probation/Parole; Gang Prevention Skills;
Gang Counseling Techniques; Dealing With Gangs in Juvenile Correctional Institutions.
Abstract
The thrust of this presentation will be working with juveniles involved with the Court, who
have a history of gang involvement. The main focus will be working with these youths as individuals,
away from the gang structure. The difficulty of working with this population, from a casework
perspective, will be discussed and different interventions analyzed.

Special attention will be paid to community conditions that influence or put at risk an
individual juvenile for gang involvement. The role of the family will be discussed, as it relates to the
risk of gang involvement. Individual families of gang involved youth will be profiled in depth. These
families will encompass different ethnic groups and levels of the socio-economic spectrum. How the
criminal enterprises, specifically the street sale of drugs, which characterize today’s urban street
gangs, effect youthful gang members will also be explored, specifically as to how it relates to the
increase in gang violence and the use of firearms associated with that violence.

Myths associated with youthful offenders will be considered. The effect of the increase in
gang violence on legislation directed toward youthful offenders will be covered and the efficacy of such legislation trends will be discussed. The disproportionate manner in which this violence affects minorities and, similarly, the disproportionate way in which minorities come into contact with both the Juvenile Justice and the Criminal Justice Systems will also be considered.

Also, the principles of Balanced and Restorative Justice, currently the guiding philosophy of the Cook County Illinois Juvenile Probation Department, will be discussed.

Bios

Tom Schneider, B.A., Administration of Criminal Justice, University of Illinois, Chicago; M.S., Corrections, Chicago State University. Has 35 years experience as a Probation Officer, Cook County, Illinois Juvenile Court.

Kevin Kreuser, B.S. Psychology, Loyola University, Chicago; has 12 years experience as a probation officer, Cook County, Illinois Juvenile Court.


One (1) hour

Note: This session is restricted to Law Enforcement ONLY!

Note: This session will be taught only on Wednesday or Thursday

Session Credits: Gang Profile Analysis; Motorcycle Gangs; Gang Crime Investigation Skills; Gang Prosecution; Gangs and Drugs; Corrections Gang/STG Intelligence; Hate Groups/White Racist Extremist Groups.

Abstract

This session provides a gang profile of the Outlaws motorcycle club. They are one of the largest outlaw motorcycle gangs in the USA. Attendees will learn about the history of this gang, how and where it operates today, the tensions and conflicts it has with other gangs, and its alliances as well, along with the developments in recent decades from the effect of gang prosecution against members of this 1%’er biker gang. If you have the Outlaws in your jurisdiction, then you will want to attend this session and gain some new insights and learn about some developments that might impact on your local area. Networking is encouraged in this session.

Bio

Mr. Wehlauch started with the Illinois Department of Corrections in November 1989 and worked at the Pontiac Correctional Center, a Maximum Security Institution, as a Correctional Officer. Volunteered as a member of the Tactical Team, S.E.R.T., WRIT Team and as a Training Officer. I was promoted into the position of Staff Development Specialist in April 2000. His various duties involve the training of Cadets and In-Service personnel. Mr. Wehlauch’s primary areas of training involve Hostage Negotiations I, II, III, and IV, Chemical Agent Coordinator, Firearms, Security Threat Groups, and Critical Incidents.

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(52) “The Use of Photography as a Tool in Gang Investigation”, by Sarah A. Meyer, St. Cloud, MN.

One (1) hour

Session Credits: Gang Crime Investigation Skills; Advanced Gang Identification; Gang Homicide Investigation Skills; Gang Prosecution.

Abstract

Documentation of evidence is highly important to the successful outcome of an investigation. Often the evidence that proves a case is highly transitory, such as injuries that heal, or graffiti that must be removed. This is also important to investigation and documentation of gang activity. Having the skills to produce high-quality images in all circumstances is vital to providing the ideal documentation. This course will provide a quick “crash course” in the basic concepts of photography, as well as teach more advanced techniques useful to those investigating gang crimes and activities. Examples of the “right” and “wrong” methods of documenting things such as gang tattoos, graffiti, and more will be shown.

Bio

Sarah Meyer is currently owner and operator of Meyer Photographic Services, an
independent consulting firm assisting law enforcement, insurance companies, and the general public with documentation of evidence. She is a recent graduate of the Criminal Justice Master of Science Program at St. Cloud State University, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice. As part of her undergraduate thesis research, she interned with the Forensic Imaging Bureau of the Miami-Dade Medical Examiner Department, photographing autopsies, death scenes, and evidence. As part of her Master’s program, Sarah co-taught the Forensic Photography class at St. Cloud State University. This year marks her sixth consecutive attendance at this gang specialist training conference, and her third year presenting a class. She also serves on the staff of the NGCRC as a conference photographer.


One (1) hour
Session credits: Gang Profile Analysis, Advanced Gang Identification, Gang Investigation

Abstract
This session will discuss the short life and death of Black Gangster Disciple founder, David Barksdale, whose presence, despite being dead for 32 years, remains a major impetus for current Black Disciple and Gangster Disciple street gang members. A brief discussion of his short life, and the factors that led to the development and formation of the Black Disciples and Gangster Disciples street gangs, will be discussed. The formative aspects of Barksdale’s years, and the social-political factors that led to the formation of these gang nations will also be discussed.

Bio
The presenter, Lieutenant Glenn Evans, is a 21 year veteran of the Chicago Police Department. He has experience as a patrol officer and supervisor in high crime areas containing public housing and has conducted public housing related narcotics, violent crime, and gang related investigations. He possesses a Master’s degree in Criminal Justice from Chicago State University, and has extensive training, education, and experience in gang related matters.


Two (2) hours
Session credits: Gang Prevention Skills; Gang and Violence Prevention for School Administrators.

Abstract
Implementing Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design strategies, communities can “design out” gang presence and reduce violence. These are simple no or low cost strategies that can be implemented in any neighborhood by a group of individuals that reside and/or work in the neighborhood. These concepts can be applied to neighborhoods that are just beginning to see a gang presence, or those that have a serious and persisting gang problem.

Bio

(56) “The Nuts and Bolts of Starting a Faith-Based Gang Program”, by Scott Jewell, The Urban Mission, St. Louis, MO.

Two (2) hours
Session credits: Faith-Based Programs for Gang Intervention; Gang Prevention Skills.

Abstract
Just as the title suggests, this session will explore often over-looked steps, questions and issues that one will face when starting up a new gang program. Come to this training session and get some resources to improve your effectiveness if you want to start or you if you may need to help someone else start a new gang program. If you have contemplated starting a faith-based gang program or if you may be called upon to help someone else start a faith-based gang prevention or intervention program, then this course is a “must attend” for you.

Bio
Scott Jewell is the Executive Director of The Urban Mission, an alliance of churches in the city of St. Louis. He has over a dozen years working with at-risk youths on the streets of St. Louis and Chicago. Scott currently pastors Baden Community Christian Church and teaches community
development and similar courses at St. Louis Christian College.

(57) “Dealing With Gangs in Juvenile Corrections” by Richard and Lauri Thomas, Security Threat Group Coordinators for the Ohio Department of Youth Services, Mohican Juvenile Correctional Facility.

Two (2) hours
Session credits: Dealing With Gangs in Juvenile Correctional Facilities; Corrections Gang/STG Intelligence; Advanced Gang Identification Skills; Gangs and the Mass Media; Dealing With Gang Members in Probation/Parole.

Abstract
You will be provided with material confiscated from juveniles committed to corrections in 2007/2008 by DYS Security Threat Group Coordinators, Richard and Lauri Thomas. Through their combined experience of 26+ years each, they will give their insight of why there is an increase of gangs over the years inside the institutions and out in the community. The material will consist of gang specific alphabets, tattoos, and artwork. You will receive information on how juveniles are receiving contraband through the US Mail, internet and/or computer programs. You will also learn how national sports, television, music and video games are supporting the gangs. Upon completing this course, you will have a better understanding of why youths are turning towards gang activity and you will have an improved ability to identify gang symbols in hand signs, artwork, mail, and tattoos. The presenters will provide you with their suggestions on how to curtail gang activity.

Bios
Richard L. Thomas, JCO, STGC has served as a Juvenile Correctional Officer at Mohican Juvenile Correctional Facility (MoJCF) for 26+ years and as a Police Officer for the Butler Police Department for 22 years. He also served on the first Security Threat Group (STG) committee at MoJCF. He partakes in annual Multijurisdictional Counterdrug Task Force Conference and National Correctional Officer Trainings. He was selected to be MoJCF’s STG Coordinator. His responsibilities include investigating youth showing STG activity; reporting activity to administration; attends quarterly ODYS meetings/trainings and he provides the annual STG Training at MoJCF.

Lauri L. Thomas, Administrative Assistant, has worked for Mohican Juvenile Correctional Facility (MoJCF) for 25+ years. She served as a Correctional Officer for 7 years, Office Assistant for 13 years, and then received promotion to Records Administrator. Her current responsibilities include but are not limited to: reviewing, assessing and interviewing each youth for security level and security threat group activity, takes pictures of all tattoos and/or brands, maintains a separate STG file on each youth as well as enters all information in several databases for the Department. To remain current, she attends conferences such as the Multijurisdictional Counterdrug Task Force, Ohio Correctional and Court Services Association, The Attorney General’s Law Enforcement. Lauri is also the court liaison and maintains contact with parole offices, guardians, and central office. She is the co-trainer for providing the annual Security Threat Group Training at MoJCF.


Two (2) hours
Session Credits: Gang Crime Investigation Skills; Gang Homicide Investigation Skills; Gang Prosecution; Corrections Gang/STG Intelligence; Dealing With Gang Members in Probation/Parole; Hate Groups/White Racist Extremist Gangs; Motorcycle Gangs; Female Gangs; Gangs and the Mass Media; Asian Gangs; Officer Safety Skills in Dealing With Gangs.

Abstract
In today’s violent gang culture, witnesses are easily intimidated and forced not to testify. Gang members use murders of witnesses to maintain control of the “hood” and to keep their criminal activities off the radar screen of law enforcement. Gangs that operate with impunity in regard to large scale drug distribution use violence and fear to stop gang members and citizens from testifying. In the Denver Metro area in cooperation with the Denver District Attorney’s Office and the Metro Gang Task Force, innovative ways have been utilized to encourage testimony and prosecution of gang members for violent crimes. This session will provide what has worked in Denver. Past incidents when witnesses were killed and the lessons learned will be discussed. The importance of gang intelligence and networking with different agencies will be discussed in relation to preventing witness intimidation.
Detective Robert “Bob” Fuller is currently a Senior Criminal Investigator with the Denver District Attorney’s Office in Denver, Colorado and has been for the past three years. He is currently assigned to the Metro Gang Task Force. Bob, after 26 years with the Adams County Sheriff’s Department, retired at the rank of Sergeant. Bob has spent eleven years assigned to the Metro Gang Task Force as a Detective and a Sergeant. Bob has been the lead case agent on Federal Gang R.I.C.O. investigations and prosecutions and on the state level, the murder of gang witness investigations and prosecutions. Bob is currently involved in the Continuing Criminal Enterprise investigation of the Tre-Tre Crips in Denver. Bob is also a past recipient of the Thrasher Award.

Kurt Piepont is a Senior United States Probation and Parole Officer, District of Colorado, 1991 to present. He has been a Supervising U.S. Probation Officer, Location Monitoring Specialist, District Firearms Instructor, and currently working as the District’s Intensive Supervision Specialist handling primarily Gangsters, Offenders with extensive criminal histories, violent criminal histories, or who have historically not been successful in community based supervision. From 1983 to 1991 he was a probation officer with the State of Colorado and was Arapahoe County’s first Intensive Supervision Officer, when the program was first designed and initiated in the early 80’s. His prior job assignments include being the WITSEC Coordinator for the District of Colorado.

“Introduction to Gangs: For Beginners Only”, by Robert Mulvaney, STG Coordinator, Michigan Department of Corrections.

One (1) hour
Session credits: Corrections Gang/STG Intelligence; Gang Problems in K-12 Schools; Gang and Violence Prevention for School Administrators; Dealing With Gang Members in Probation/Parole; Gang Prevention Skills; Dealing With Gangs in Juvenile Correctional Facilities.

Abstract
In this presentation, the participants will learn the basic identifiers and information to help them understand the gang culture/lifestyle. The different influences on types of graffiti and the importance of signs, symbols and meanings of each will be discussed. Recommended as a course for anyone just recently assigned to gangs or those needing a refresher or “update” course on gangs 101.

Bio
Robert Mulvaney is the Security Threat Group Coordinator for the Michigan Department of Corrections. His background of 29 years experience includes positions as a corrections officer, unit manager and parole officer. He has done presentations for numerous agencies. He is a member of the Midwest Gang Investigators Association (MGIA), a state coordinator with the National Major Gang Task Force (N.M.G.T.F.), and the Mid-Michigan Crime Prevention Association. He has written articles for Corrections Alert (Oct. 1998) and the Journal of Gang Research.

“Are Your Kids Cyber-Chatting With Gangs?”, by Mario Hesse, Ph.D., Department of Criminal Justice, St. Cloud State University, and Chris J. Przemieniecki, doctoral student University of North Dakota, Criminal Justice Sciences, Grand Forks, ND.

One (1) hour
Session Credits: Gang Internet Investigation; Advanced Gang Identification Skills; Gangs and the Mass Media; Gang Problems in K-12 Schools; Gang and Violence Prevention Skills for School Administrators.

Abstract
This session presents an analysis of gang profiles, identifiers, language, clothing, gang-related content, and recruiting techniques found within popular internet-based networking websites such as MySpace and various message boards. This session will also discuss the recent trends in using MySpace and other forms of mass media outlets to recruit and/or communicate with gang members. A discussion of possible techniques in how to monitor this type of behavior is presented along with other issues concerning internet use and gang-related activities.

Bio
Dr. Mario Hesse is a criminal justice professor at Saint Cloud State University. He worked in both juvenile and adult correctional institutions. He is a frequent attendee and presenter at the NGCRC as well as other criminal justice related conferences. Dr. Hesse is a reviewing editor for A Critical Journal of Crime, Law and Society. He teaches courses in Corrections, Juvenile Justice, Gangs, Research, and Crime and Media, and his research agenda focuses on the areas of corrections, theory, gangs, and media.
Chris J. Przemieniecki is currently a doctoral student at the University of North Dakota in Criminal Justice Sciences. He is an adjunct faculty Instructor at the University of Minnesota, Crookston, he teaches various courses in criminology, criminal justice, and sociology. Przemieniecki received the Frederic M. Thrasher Award from the NGCRC for “Superior Research” in 2006. He is a frequent presenter at the NGCRC and other law enforcement/gang conferences throughout the country, a reviewing editor for the Journal of Gang Research, and has published articles about gangs and the mass media. Przemieniecki also has a website dedicated to gangs in the mass media (www.cjppgangsmmedia.com).


Two and a half hours (2.5 hours)
Restricted Session: Open only to Criminal Justice Personnel.
Note: This is scheduled for a Thursday morning (930-12) time slot only, August 7th, 2008.
Session credits: Motorcycle Gangs; Gang Crime Investigation Skills; Gang Profile Analysis; Gang Interview/Interrogation Skills; Gangs and Drugs; Gang Prosecution; Gang Prevention Skills; Officer Safety Skills in Dealing With Gangs; Hate Groups/White Racist Extremist Gangs; Advanced Gang Identification; Gang Internet Investigation; Gangs and the Mass Media.

Abstract
This fast-paced, high powered advanced section of instruction will bring about a better understanding of the evolution of outlaw motorcycle gangs, known as 1%er’s, from their early days as non-conformist rebels to their present day status as non-traditional organized crime groups. An important goal of this training is to dispel the myth that these sophisticated crime groups are the individuals depicted in the media, the entertainment industry, and in some cases, the minds of law enforcement agencies as “good ole boys riding their hogs”.

The sessions are divided into three, distinct periods of evolution and degree of complexity. The first, entitled “Biker Gangs 101 – The Way We Were – The Good Ole Boys”, is a two and a half hour session aimed at the novice wishing to learn and understand the who and what of the early days of biker clubs, the beginnings of the 1% gangs, the 1%’er terminology, the philosophy, symbols, etc.

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This course includes the following types of continuously changing information: (a) the so-called truce between the 1%er’s enacted in the late nineties and, just as projected by law enforcement, its demise in 2001 and, its current status, (b) the session will include video material on an OMG-related homicide whereby different gangs cooperated together against a so-called common enemy before the truce fell apart, (c ) the session will include video and updated information on the shootout/homicide between motorcycle gangs at the Hell-Raisers Ball in New York in 2002, (d) the session will include video and updated information on the shoot-out/homicides between motorcycle gangs at the Harrah’s Casino, Laughlin, NV, in 2002, (e) the session will graphically depict the incredible growth of the major 1%er gangs and their “puppet” gangs in the last fifteen years throughout the world; (f) the session will include the on-going and latest examples of violence between the gangs and against law enforcement; (g) the session will provide the much acclaimed, and useful motorcycle gang Violence Time Line for 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and up to date for 2007, and, finally, (h) a projected trends analysis of what we might expect in the future.

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Two and a half hours (2.5 Hours) Restricted Session: Open only to Criminal Justice Personnel. Note: This is scheduled for a Thursday afternoon (1pm-3:30pm) time slot only, August 7th, 2008.

Session credits: Motorcycle Gangs; Gang Crime Investigation Skills; Gang Profile Analysis; Gang Interview/Interrogation Skills; Gangs and Drugs; Gang Prosecution; Gang Prevention Skills; Officer Safety Skills in Dealing With Gangs; Hate Groups/White Racist Extremist Gangs; Advanced Gang Identification; Gang Internet Investigation; Gangs and the Mass Media.

Abstract

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Traditional Organized Crime), by Ron Holmes, ATF (Rtd.), Board Member, International Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investigators Association.

Three (3) hours
Restricted Session: Open only to Criminal Justice Personnel.
Note: This is scheduled for a Friday afternoon time slot only, August 8th, 2008.
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The sessions are divided into three, distinct periods of evolution and degree of complexity. The third and final session is entitled “The Way We’re Gonna Be: Non-Traditional Organized Crime”, and is an advanced three hour presentation on the degree of organization that the 1%er’s have mastered, their involvement in everyday organizations, politics, legitimate business ventures, public relations and the expected trends for the future.

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“Bad Girls, Bad Girls, Watcha Gonna Do (Part 1)?”, by DeLano Gilkey, Director, National Youth Violence Consultants, Surprise, AZ.

Two (2) Hours
Session Credits: Female Gangs.
Abstract
Are girls a problem? Utilizing role-plays, during this high energy, interactive presentation,
the participants will examine violence prone at-risk girls. Their past present and future role involvement in the different types of gangs or cliques. How to identify the characteristics and potential of violence of these girls, and how cultural differences can determine how you communicate with them instituting intervention techniques.

Bio
DeLano is the Director of the National Youth Violence Consultants (NYVC). He has also been a Sergeant at the Osceola County Juvenile Detention Center in Kissimmee, Florida. DeLano was the Director of Prevention Services/Safe Schools/Truancy for the Rock Island County Regional Office Of Education in Illinois, until resigning in July 2002 to become the director of the NYVC. He has over ten years experience in Gang/Drug violence prevention and intervention, and twelve years experience in occult/satanism intervention. A member of the Midwest Gang Investigators Association and the past secretary of the Iowa/Illinois Bi-State Gang Intelligence Association. DeLano also held the position of Vice President of the Illinois School Resource Officers Association. A Nationally recognized speaker, DeLano was recently awarded the National Gang Crime Research Center's highest honor, given out once a year, the "Frederick Milton Thrasher Award" for "Superior Trainer and Educator in 2002", "Superior Leadership and Service" in 2000 and in 1998 received the Thrasher award for "Exemplary Accomplishments in Making our Schools Safe from the Threat of Gang Violence". DeLano is considered one of the region's most well rounded authorities, on the subject of rural and suburban gangs and youth violence and working with at-risk youth. An ex-Marine and Firefighter has played a part in him becoming a valuable resource within the home, community, schools, police departments, courts and youth detention centers. He has presented to thousands of youth, educators and law enforcement throughout the United States. DeLano is also a court expert witness, and a school safety and security consultant. Several community agencies and mental health institutions solicit his services for training and to conduct assessments that focus on determining client's level of involvement with youth violence, gangs or the occult.

(65) "Bad Girls, Bad Girls: Sexual Violence, Prostitution, and Exploitation (Part 2)" by DeLano Gilkey, Director, National Youth Violence Consultants, Surprise, AZ.
Two (2) Hours
Session Credits: Female Gangs.
Abstract
This session will examine the disturbing role that females are now being subjected into to support the gang/drug subculture. The central focus of the analysis is the scope and extent of sexual violence and exploitation. Actual cases will be investigated in review to show the rising participation of girls and women which are being victimized and used to promote and finance today's gang.

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(66) "Bad Girls, Bad Girls: Sexual Violence, Prostitution, and Exploitation (Part 3)" by DeLano Gilkey, Director, National Youth Violence Consultants, Surprise, AZ.
Two (2) Hours
Session Credits: Female Gangs.

Abstract
In this session, we will address advanced issues dealing with female gangs and female gang members. We build upon prior material (Parts 1 and 2). The focus is on current threats, and the current “state-of-the-art” with regard to sexual exploitation of females by gangs and gang members, how gangs “turn out” at-risk females to work for their gang, how gangs exploit females and female gang members in terms of commercial pornography, call girl operations, teenage prostitution rings, etc.

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(67) “Sharing Information — Becoming an Asset to the Law Enforcement Community”, by Robert Mulvaney, STG Coordinator, Michigan Department of Corrections; and Detective Jim Bivins, Wyoming, MI Police Department; and Lt. Roger Lange, Berrien County (MI) Sheriff’s Department.

One (1) Hour
Session Credits: Gang Crime Investigation Skills; Corrections Gang/STG Intelligence; Gang Problems in K-12 Schools; Gang and Violence Prevention for School Administrators; Dealing With Gang Members in Probation/Parole; Gang Prevention Skills.

Abstract
In this presentation, participants will witness first hand (from practitioners in the field) how the sharing of information has created opportunities for: Creating Gang Task Forces, Networks of Knowledgeable Individuals in the Field of Gang Intelligence, and Fostering Working Relationships with Schools (Administrators), Courts (Probation Officers), and other various law enforcement professionals.

Bio
Robert Mulvaney is the Security Threat Group Coordinator for the Michigan Department of Corrections. His background of 29 years experience includes positions as a corrections officer, unit manager and parole officer. He has done presentations for numerous agencies. He is a member of the Midwest Gang Investigators Association (MGIA), a state coordinator with the National Major Gang Task Force (N.M.G.T.F.), and the Mid-Michigan Crime Prevention Association. He has written articles for Corrections Alert (Oct. 1998) and the Journal of Gang Research.

Jim Bivins is a detective with the Wyoming, Michigan Police Department. In his 14 years of experience he has been with the Paramedics Unit, Patrol Unit, Community Policing Unit, the TACT Unit (SWAT) and a firearms instructor. Jim is the chairperson of the West Michigan Gang Task Force and has done gang intelligence work for the past 6 years. He has done presentations for local schools and probation officers.

Roger Lange is a Lieutenant for the Berrien County Sheriff’s Department (MI). He is the Michigan chapter president of the Midwest Gang Investigators Association (M.G.I.A.). In his 16 years experience he has been a field supervisor of the Narcotics Unit, Bomb Squad member, Hostage
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Negotiator, and Gang Specialist. He has done presentations for various community organizations, health institutions, and schools.

(68) “A Collaborative Approach to Supervising Adult Gang Members in Denver”, by Michael Barrett, Probation Officer, Denver District Adult Probation Department, Denver, CO.

Two (2) hours

Session credits: Dealing With Gang Members in Probation/Parole; Corrections Gang/STG Intelligence; Gang Counseling Techniques.

Abstract

This is a class about a gang program in Denver District Adult Probation and includes a history of gang issues in Denver, and how there was a need to address the specific issues of gang members on probation supervision. You will learn about how the program grew from pilot stage into a full-fledged program. Discussed are the trials and errors that led to modification of program design, issues that are probably universal across the USA and abroad: for example, how additional terms and conditions need to be added in the case of gang members, how there was an attempted court challenge to special conditions in a revocation hearing, leading up to the development of a Petition to Modify Terms and Conditions for use by the court, which creates the added terms and conditions (e.g., curfew, area and association restrictions, ban on possession and wearing of gang clothing and paraphernalia, etc).

Described as models for replication elsewhere are the kinds of close networking and interfacing with other agencies, e.g.: District Attorney’s Gang Unit, Police Department, etc. You will learn many “hands on” tactics and techniques for use in more effect probation/parole supervision, e.g.: photographing defendants and their tattoos. You will get a blank version of the “Petition to Modify” form for possible adoption in your jurisdiction. Addressed as well are how to measure success in the program, such as getting individuals to leave the gang lifestyle. Come and learn some things you can “plug and play” back in your own jurisdiction.

Bio

Michael Barrett has been a probation officer in Denver for seven years; he has experience with juvenile violent offenders, and the interstate compact. In December 2004 he came to the Denver Adult Probation Department. In April 2006 he started a pilot project with the District Attorney’s Office and the Denver Police Department’s Gang Unit. He has a BA degree from the University of Colorado Boulder in Ethnic Studies, and has worked four years as a counselor at both RTC and wilderness camps with emotionally disturbed and delinquent juveniles.

(69) “Solving Cold Cases With Strategic Gang Intelligence and Networking”, by Senior Investigator Robert Fuller, Denver District Attorney’s Office, Denver, CO; and Lt. Mark Althoz, Intelligence Officer, Colorado Dept. Of Corrections, Denver, CO.

Two (2) hours

Session Credits: Gang Crime Investigation Skills; Gang Homicide Investigation Skills; Corrections Gang/STG Intelligence; Gang Prosecution; Gang Interview/Interrogation Skills.

Abstract

This course will present ideas that will assist in developing new leads in those cold gang homicide and assault cases that have been sitting dormant for extended periods of time. Innovative methods, techniques, tactics and strategies will be presented. “Hands on” lessons on how to use gang informants to solve cold cases are provided in this session. Techniques on how to “troll” for new informants will be discussed. The presenter will illustrate the use of the “feedback loop technique” to modify, where needed, the tactical adjustments of field intelligence collection. Class participation is strongly encouraged to discuss difficult cold gang cases for collective problem solving: so return to your city refreshed with new ideas and strategies. Successful case resolution utilizing collaboration with all Federal, State, County, Tribal, and Municipal law enforcement agencies will be presented. The case strategies presented can assist in clearing the backlog of cold gang cases.

Bio

Detective Robert “Bob” Fuller is currently a Senior Criminal Investigator with the Denver District Attorney’s Office in Denver, Colorado and has been for the past three years. He is currently assigned to the Metro Gang Task Force. Bob, after 26 years with the Adams County Sheriff’s Department, retired at the rank of Sergeant. Bob has spent eleven years assigned to the Metro Gang Task Force as a Detective and a Sergeant. Bob has been the lead case agent on Federal Gang R.I.C.O. investigations and prosecutions and on the state level, the murder of gang witness investigations and prosecutions. Bob is currently involved in the Continuing Criminal Enterprise investigation of the Tre-Tre Crips in Denver. Bob is also a past recipient of the Thrasher Award.
“Gangs In and Out of Public Housing”, by Lt. Glenn Evans, Chicago Police Department, Chicago, IL.

One (1) hour

Session credits: Gang Profile Analysis, Gang Prevention, Advanced Gang Identification, Gang Investigation; Officer Safety Skills; Gangs and Drugs.

Abstract

This session will discuss the presence and activities of Chicago based street gangs in public housing developments, as well as the consequences of the razing of public housing, and the implications of the displaced gang member activities on the surrounding community. Gang presence, narcotic sales, investigative and enforcement strategies to be discussed. A brief synopsis on the gang related, public housing based investigation that led to the identification, arrest, prosecution of a murderer of a Chicago Police Officer is included in this session.

Bio

The presenter, Lieutenant Glenn Evans, is a 21 year veteran of the Chicago Police Department. He has experience as a patrol officer and supervisor in high crime areas containing public housing and has conducted public housing related narcotics, violent crime, and gang related investigations. He possesses a Master’s degree in Criminal Justice from Chicago State University, and has extensive training, education, and experience in gang related matters.

“Developing a Comprehensive Community Based Approach to Reducing Gang Violence”, by Deputy Chief Bruce Malkin, West Chicago Police Department, West Chicago, IL.

Two (2) hours

Session credits: Gang Investigation Skills; Gang Prevention Skills; Gang and Violence Prevention for School Administrators.

Abstract

Whether your community has an emerging or entrenched street gang problem, this presentation will assist law enforcement officers and others to develop a coordinated response to reducing street gang violence within their own jurisdiction. The response is based on a 10 point strategy that includes the following: Gang Intelligence Collection Analysis and Dissemination, Community Gang Prevention and Awareness, Neighborhood Mobilization/Problem Solving, Information Sharing, CompStat, Training for Police Officers, Police Intervention Programs, Investigations of Gang Related Crime, Graffiti Abatement, and Evaluation/Assessment. This strategy emphasizes that street gang issues must be addressed as a department wide philosophy and law enforcement officers should develop a collaborative relationship between the police department, city government, and the community in order to effectively address street gang violence.

Bio

Bruce Malkin is currently a Deputy Chief for the West Chicago Police Department with over 29 years of law enforcement experience. He has been investigating street gang crimes for the last 17 years. He formerly supervised the department’s Safe Community Enforcement Team whose focus is to develop gang related prevention initiatives, intelligence collection of street gang activity, and enforcement activities.

He holds a Bachelors degree in Criminal Justice and has his Master’s Degree in Social Work. He currently is an instructor for Northeast Multi-Regional Training lecturing on the “Intricacies of Hispanic Street Gangs”. He also assisted, developed and implemented a training curriculum for Gang Awareness and Identification specifically for DuPage County Law Enforcement. Bruce is a part-time faculty member with the College of DuPage and teaches “Gangs in the Criminal Justice System”. Bruce is also an active member of the DuPage County State’s Attorney’s Office Task Force on Gangs and has been qualified as an expert witness on street gangs in the 18th Judicial Circuit of Illinois.

“Building Safer Schools and Communities Through Gang Specialist Re-Entry Services: Testimony from the Staff of a Multi-State Program”, by Malik A. Aziz, Director, Mayor’s Office for Community Services, Philadelphia, PA; Antoinette Jackson-Azis, Rev. Derrick Johnson, Todd and Lance Feurtado, and Shawn “Frogg” Banks, The Exhoodus Program.

Two (2) hours

Session credits: Gangs and Drugs; Gang Prevention Skills; Gang Problems in K-12 Schools; Gang and Violence Prevention for School Administrators; Dealing With Gang Members in Probation/Parole; Female Gangs; Faith-Based Programs for Gang Intervention.

Abstract
In this session you will learn from a panel of six people about effective community based approaches for dealing with the national problem of the re-entry process for gang members being released from correctional facilities (adult and juvenile). This session will show participants how to establish collaborative relationships with schools, government and social service agencies.  This is a highly structured program that has been able to use former gang members in a mentoring capacity. Included in this training session will be actual video footage of one of the intervention sessions with released gang members.

You will hear testimony from staff of the Exhoodus Program which operates in Philadelphia, PA, Wilmington, DE, and Atlantic City, NJ; which is an innovative program providing re-entry services for gang members being released from correctional institutions back to their community. The program uses ex-offenders who have successfully re-entered society and who are now contributing back to society providing role models to those who may want to leave the gang and drug lifestyle. You will be amazed by the story of redemption and hope offered in this “lively” and entertaining panel session.

Bio
Malik Aziz is the Program Director for Safe Schools, Safer Communities Program, at the Mayor’s Office of Community Services, City of Philadelphia, he is also the founder and co-chair of “Men United for a Better Philadelphia”, a coalition of men dedicated to ending violence in the City of Philadelphia, also special liaison to the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections, Philadelphia Prison Systems and Pennsylvania Attorney General’s Office, member of Pennsylvania Citizens Advisory Board of Probation and Parole, Board Member Mayor’s Drug and Alcohol Executive Commission member, Philadelphia Police Commissioner Sylvester Johnson’s Citizen Advisory committee serving as committee chairman. Malik Aziz is also a consultant to the gang and drug prevention program “Deal Me Out” which fully explains the pitfalls of being involved in gangs and illegal activities. He will present with one or more co-presenters.

(73) "Exit Counseling: How to Counsel Gang Members to Quit the Gang Life", by Dr. Dan Feaster, Executive Director, Counselor, and Educator with the Samaritan Counseling Center of Southern Wisconsin, Madison, WI.

One (1) hour
Session credits: Gang Counseling Techniques; Gang Prevention Skills; Gang Problems in K-12 Schools; Gang and Violence Prevention for School Administrators; Cults, Satanism and Gangs.

Abstract
Discover how exit counseling can be an effective tool in getting individuals out of gangs and other destructive cultures. Exit Counseling is a non-coercive approach that includes an educational focus and motivational style that assists individuals in making healthier and more informed choices. This approach can be useful in working with individuals in gangs, cults, satanic groups, or other sub-cultures. This workshop will compare exit counseling with traditional psychotherapy approaches and will address relevant treatment issues. Components of exit counseling include establishing a caring connection, encouraging critical thinking skills and natural consequences, and helping individuals explore their various options and choices.

Bio
Dr. Dan Feaster, is the executive director of the Samaritan Counseling Center of Southern Wisconsin. His background includes 27 years experience as a counselor and educator. He holds a Master of Social Work degree, Master of Divinity degree, and a Doctorate in Pastoral Counseling. He brings experience as a counselor, educator, magician, and martial arts instructor. Dr. Feaster has published a manual on Youth in Destructive Groups: Cults, Gangs, Teenage Satanism and Hate Groups. He has presented workshops throughout the country on prevention and education and has provided counseling for at-risk youths involved in gangs, Satanism, and cults. He has served on a national board of directors for a cult watch organization. Dr. Feaster is the recipient of a Thrasher Award and is a reviewing editor of the Journal of Gang Research.

(74) "Hispanic/Latino Gangs in the Little Village and the Pilsen Neighborhoods: A Field Training Tour", by Robert Montejano Sr and Miguel Perez, Central States SER, Chicago, Illinois.

Two and a half (2.5) hours
Session Credits: Gang Prevention Skills; Gang Problems in K-12 Schools; Gang and Violence Prevention for School Administrators; Gang Counseling Skills.

Note: scheduled only for Thursday evening (Aug, 7, 2008), bus departs 5:30pm promptly from front of hotel. Note: You have to be “signed up” for this in advance. You sign up for it at the
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NGCRC website when you are officially registered. See the “sign up form” at the website, or direct a letter or memo to that effect to the NGCRC. You are officially registered when the NGCRC issues you a “confirmation of registration letter”. The first 40 people who want to go on the bus are the ones who go; others will be put on “standby” notice. Room for 40 only on the bus. Those “winning” a slot for this session will be “posted” at the website on a routine basis to indicate the level of “room remaining” in the tour.

Advice from the NGCRC: this is where you can bring cameras (just be careful: ask the tour guide for WHEN is and is not a good time to be shooting photographs), for some wonderful “shots” of the hood, talk to some people in the hood.

Field Training Tour Description:
Welcome to one of the most famous gang “sites” in the world. Millions of federal gang research dollars were spent to reduce gang violence in the Little Village and Pilsen neighborhoods of Chicago. If these were anywhere other than Chicago, they might be called “barrios”. But this is Chicago. And “Barrios” is a term associated with Los Angeles, not Chicago. But this is a Hispanic, Latino, Mexican American, and Puerto Rican neighborhood. With many fascinating and wonderful cultural attractions. You will be learning about the “gang side” of the community though.

You will be in a special tour of the area, and then return to the home base for Robert Montejano, a gang prevention specialist who has much experience in the field, and who has achieved a remarkable level of respect in the field of gang experts because of his community level prevention work. You will see the places immortalized in the literature on gangs, and you will see the real thing, gangs like the “Two Sixers”, the “Latin Kings”, and more. You will get a chance to have a light meal (paid for by the NGCRC) with Robert Montejano at their gang intervention and gang prevention site on west 26th Street.

Bring your cameras, you will see sights and places and faces well worth documenting. You will go out on a bus and come back on a bus supplied by the NGCRC. This field training event gives you one of the best minds in the business who has his boots on the ground in the area designated for this type of field training event.

Bios About the Tour Expert

Miguel Perez was born and raised in the Pilsen community of Chicago. He has seen how the Pilsen neighborhood has suffered from the curse of gang violence for generations. He has seen “gang programs” and “gang experiments” come and go in his community over the years. But he has also seen new hope for breaking that curse of gang violence. And he is playing his part in the process in the role of a Youth Development Specialist with Central States SER in the Little Village community of Chicago, a program that puts youths on a pathway to become self-sufficient.

Robert Montejano Sr. Is the Youth Services Manager with Central States SER in Little Village, Chicago. This is a community in which he was born and raised. Roberto has worked for over ten years in the field of youth services. With a decade of field experience, Roberto has seen first hand what works and what does not work in term of preventing gang problems. He feels education and employment services offer the most in terms of benefit-cost value to society. He feels these services need to be delivered in an innovative way while working with other stakeholders: the community, businesses, and various departments of city government.

(75) “Gang Prevention - Intervention = Counseling Networking Reception”.
One (1) hour
Session Credits: Management and Supervision Skills for Gang Specialists; Gang Counseling Skills; Gang Prevention Skills; Gang Problems in K-12 Schools.

Abstract
The gang intervention/prevention reception is a special event at the NGCRC and it has a long history of also being a valuable networking session. Come hear some analysis of the current state of affairs in gang prevention and learn about some people who are really making a difference in the world. This is also the time and venue in which the “NGCRC Spirit of Excellence Awards” are made. There are also door prizes in a random drawing based on your ticket to the event. You need to have a ticket to attend this event. The only way to get a ticket is to sign up for it in advance on the registration form itself.

(76) “Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs: An Overview”, by Dr, Gregg W. Etter, Sr., University of Central Missouri, Department of Criminal Justice, Warrensburg, MO.
1.5 Hours (90 minutes)
Session credits: Motorcycle Gangs; Gang Crime Investigation; Corrections Gang/STG
Intelligence; Dealing With Gang Members in Juvenile Correctional Facilities; Officer Safety Skills in Dealing With Gang Members; Advanced Gang Identification.

Abstract

According to an estimate by the International Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investigator’s Association, 375 outlaw motorcycle gangs are currently operating in the United States. This session will provide an overview of outlaw motorcycle gangs in the United States. The organization, crimes, tactics, and culture of bikers will be examined.

Bio

Dr. Gregg W. Etter, Sr. Ed.D. is an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice at the University of Central Missouri. He retired as a Lieutenant with the Sedgwick County Sheriff’s Office after serving from 1977 to 2006. He is rated as a gang expert by the National Gang Crime Research Center. He has written extensively and presented classes on gangs, white supremacist groups and police management topics in the United States and Canada. Dr. Etter earned his Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees from Wichita State University and his Doctorate degree from Oklahoma State University. He is a member of the American Society of Criminology, the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, British Society of Criminology, and the National Sheriff’s Association.

(77) “Gang Member Notification Meetings: Lessons from a “Pulling-Levers” Strategy in Chicago”, by Andrew V. Papachristos, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Mass. Amherst, Amherst, MA.

Note: This course will occur only on Weds or Thurs.

One (1) Hour

Session Credits: Gang Prevention Skills; Gang Counseling; Gang Prosecution

Abstract

Over the past year and a half years, the federal Project Safe Neighborhoods program in Chicago has begun conducting gang member notification forums. Gang members who are recently released from prison attend a meeting at which law enforcement and community organizations speak candidly about enforcement efforts targeting gang members as well as strategies so as not to re-offend. Based loosely on a similar program in Boston, the Chicago program has already reached more than 400 offenders in two police districts. This session will discuss the Project Safe Neighborhoods program in Chicago, its basic design and content, and some preliminary findings of the program’s effectiveness.

Bio

Andrew Papachristos is the Director of Field Research of the National Gang Crime Research Center; he completed his doctorate at the Department of Sociology at the University of Chicago. For over 13 years, Andrew has been working with gangs in a variety of capacities including direct street intervention, program development and evaluation, and multiple areas of gang research. A recipient of the Frederic Milton Thrasher Award of the National Gang Crime Research Center and the Hans Mattick Award of the Illinois Academy of Criminology, Andrew is the author of A.D., After the Disciples: The Neighborhood Impact of Federal Gang Prosecution and The Vice Lords: A Gang Profile Analysis. His recent work examines the influence of gang network structures on neighborhoods and crime.

(78) “Graffiti: An Open Source of Intelligence”, by Kenneth A. Davis, School Resource Officer, Yonkers, NY.

Two (2) hours

Session credits: Advanced Gang Identification; Gang Crime Investigation Skills; K-12 Schools; Gang and Violence Prevention for School Administrators; Gang Prevention.

Abstract

Participants will learn the basics in graffiti identification and analysis to enhance their research, investigation and gang prevention/intervention efforts. The instructor will present a brief overview of two anti-graffiti vandalism programs within the city of Yonkers, NY during the nineties. One controversial program, Yonkers Community Action Program’s Off the Wall; a community-based graffiti art program that gave graffiti participants the opportunity to generate legalized graffiti on HIV/AIDS awareness. Second program: Yonkers Police Department’s Community Affairs Divisions’ Graffiti/Street Gang Unit that identified various gangs and implemented a four year long apprehension campaign that netted approximately 240 graffiti offenders. The instructor will also provide an overview of two controversial events within New York City: the first event was Hostos Community College’s Graffiti: The Art of Hip-Hop, a 19 week graffiti seminar given by a famous ex-graffiti writer,
James Top. This location, Grand Concourse @ 149 Street, was once known as the “Writer’s Bench”. The second event was Lott Gallery of DriveIn24’s Writer’s Strike: a gallery exhibition, in Chelsea, featuring TABOO, KEZAM, CLARK-FLY I.D., ELBOW-TOE, RESKEW, HOST18 and others. You will want to attend this session for the latest updates on graffiti issues.

Bio
Ken Davis is presently a School Resource Officer at a middle-school in Yonkers, NY. During the nineties, he was co-founder/field coordinator of a community-based graffiti art program; and a member of a law enforcement graffiti/street gang unit. Since then, he has attended and presented at several local, regional, national and international information-sharing conferences sponsored by law enforcement and civilian agencies. Along with a MS Degree in Human Resource Management, he maintains 64 accredited hours as a graffiti specialist; 449.5 hours as a gang specialist; 46 hours as a community mediator; 121.5 hours in race-relations, and 24 hours in Expert Testimony. As “Grafcop”, his e-correspondences can be observed on e-groups such as GANGINFO, NASRO, No-Graffiti Network, CGIA, and NYGIA.

(79) “Intelligence Led Policing in Relation to Gangs/STGs”, by Brandon Kramb and Aaron Rider, Graduate Program in Criminal Justice, Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, MI.
One (1) hour
Session Credits: Gang Crime Investigation Skills; Corrections Gang/STG Intelligence; Officer Safety Skills in Dealing With Gangs; Domestic Counter-Terrorism Skills.
Abstract
Intelligence-led policing is a new organizational and management system that encourages the police to make effective use of objective information in order to make a positive impact on crime. This system has many implications for how the police manage, disrupt, and prevent gang crime and domestic terrorism incidents. This presentation will explain the concept of intelligence-led policing, its relationship to community policing, problem oriented policing, and broken windows policing, and specific ways in which intelligence-led policing could be used to improve a police agency’s ability to deal with gang crime and terrorism. Previous case studies and research in this area will be used as practical examples of this concept in action. Focused attention will be given to a specific but ideal intelligence-led policing model as a way of evaluating the implementation of this system in a police agency.
Bio
Brandon Kramb and Aaron Rider are in the graduate program for Criminal Justice at Grand Valley State University. Brandon’s research focuses on intelligence-led policing. Aaron’s research focuses on communication dynamics in law enforcement.

(80) “Tracking and Investigating Gangs in Smaller Police Departments”, by Rodney L. Scott, Detective Bureau, Loves Park Police Department, Loves Park, IL.
One (1) hour
Session credits: Gang Crime Investigation Skills; Gang Profile Analysis.
Abstract
Smaller departments are often at a disadvantage when addressing a gang issue in their community. Some of the barriers to greater effectiveness include the old suspects: not enough resources, public ignorance/apathy to the issue, and intradepartemental resistance that can arise through organizational culture. I will address each of these issues individually, and give recommendations on how to successfully overcome these issues, where applicable. Gang problems do not stop at the border of larger metropolitan areas. Evidence shows that gang migration and displacement is occurring and that gangs are seeking to develop new areas. Thus, smaller police departments need to be ready to address this emerging threat. Attend this session and learn a methodology that will help you gather accurate statistics, find relevant patterns, and properly disseminate findings.
Bio
Rodney L. Scott is currently a detective with the Loves Park, Illinois Police Department. Det. Scott is assigned to investigate different types of crimes, including violent crimes, burglaries, sexual assaults, and death investigation. Prior to becominga detective, he was the Acting Shift commander for a patrol shift with the department. Det. Scott is also a gang resource officer and instructs the department’s Citizen Police Academy and local schools on the issue of gangs.

(81) “Introduction to Spatio-Temporal Gang Analysis: Hand’s On Computer Training”, by D. Lee Gilbertson, Ph.D., Department of Criminal Justice, St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN.
Three (3) hours
Session credits: Spatio-Temporal Gang Analysis; Management and Supervision Skills for Gang Specialists.

Abstract
The session will cover theory and application of spatio-temporal analysis techniques and mapping software for the development of prevention, intervention and response strategies relative to gang crime. Hour One: Review of criminological theories, crime profiling of criminals and geography; role of the analyst; methodological, ethical and legal issues. Hours Two and Three: Applying spatio-temporal analysis to gangs; lecture and demonstrations followed by hands-on exercises in mapping techniques and ArcView GIS 3.3 software.

Bio
D. Lee Gilbertson teaches at Saint Cloud State University. He has studied gangs since 1995 and has presented research papers at numerous national and international conferences. Lee has participated in every iteration of the NGCRC gang school since it began, often bringing undergraduate and graduate students with him. He is a 2002 and 2005 recipient of the Frederic Milton Thrasher Award and is a reviewing editor of the Journal of Gang Research. Lee has collaborated on a professional level with several criminal justice agencies in Minnesota. His background in spatio-temporal analysis includes 15 years of military service as an infantry officer and as a signals intelligence analyst. Before returning to college, Lee worked briefly as a defense contractor instructing all-source intelligence collection asset management on a computer system that greatly utilized mapping techniques.

(82) “One School’s Effort to ‘Bundle’ Gang Intervention with the Larger Picture of a School Security Plan: 2008 Update”, by Rick Erickson, Ph.D., E&E Enterprise, Malone, WI.
One (1) hour
Session credits: Gang Problems in K-12 Schools; Gang and Violence Prevention for School Administrators; Gang Prevention Skills.

Abstract
Attendees to this session will learn an easily replicable school-wide program that can bundle all current school security/safety issues (including dealing with gangs) into one program. This session is the “Version 2008” of a program offered last year. This session will include the basics of this plan, which is built on the concepts of respect, relationship building, and reasonableness of all procedures and policies and how these have grown into a defined plan. This plan can be applied to a single building (as it has been with success) or to an entire district (as it is planned to be implemented for the 2008-2009 school year). The plan as it has been developed is broken down by its individual components and then built into one cohesive plan. A key element of importance in this plan is the partnerships formed with the local “LEO’s”, Fire Departments, safety commission, and local civic groups.

Bio
Rick Erickson, Ph.D. is a Counselor/Administrator/Grief Specialist/Suicidologist/Educator with 37 years experience, which parallels over 40 years dealing with gangs and the issues they create. Dr. Erickson is a founding director of a county wide emergency response team established to mobilize within hours trained counselors to assist with traumatic community events; a founding director of a countywide children’s grief support group; and former consultant to the county coroner; Dr. Erickson is a reviewing editor of the NGCRC’s Journal of Gang Research, and is a 2005 recipient of the NGCRC Spirit Award for his service in the research and intervention of gang issues in his community.

(83) “You Have the Training, Now What? Applying Your Gang Education to Assist Your Community”, by Amanda Jezek, MA, Grundy County Probation and Court Services; and Paula Goodwin, Grundy County No Tolerance Task Force, Morris, IL.
One (1) hour
Session credits: Gang Prevention Skills; Gang Problems in K-12 Schools, Gang and Violence Prevention For School Administrators.

Abstract
We will discuss what we are doing in our communities with the knowledge gained at the National Gang Crime Research Center’s conferences and the other various trainings we have acquired. We have implemented the education into communities. Amanda performs trainings for schools, treatment facilities, police departments, and other assorted agencies. Paula uses her knowledge for children’s education, primarily ages 10-18.
Bios

Amanda Jezek has her MA from Northern Illinois University. She has been a probation officer for three years and has worked in many areas of juvenile delinquency. Amanda has experience in juvenile detention, the department of juvenile justice (formerly the department of corrections - juvenile division) and juvenile case work through the Youth Service Bureau. She has had gang training in a number of different venues, including the NGCRC.

Paula Goodwin has worked as a Prevention Specialist for 13 years through the No Tolerance Task Force. She has numerous certifications in alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs, gangs, and violence prevention. Recently she has directed a prevention program called “Too Good For Drugs” funded by the Mendez Foundation. Paula currently serves on the 13th Judicial Family Violence Counsel, education subcommittee.


One (1) hour

Session credits: Gang Crime Investigation Skills; Gang Prosecution Skills; Gang Profile Analysis; Gang Prevention Skills.

Abstract

An understanding of the methods utilized by traditional organized criminal groups to interact with street gangs is essential to developing appropriate responses by law enforcement and communities. A historical perspective will be presented to trace the connections between the groups and to discuss the present organized crime structure in Chicago.

Bio

James W. Wagner has been the President of the Chicago Crime Commission (CCC) since January 2006. The CCC is a not-for-profit group of business leaders dedicated, since 1919, to addressing issues of concern regarding law enforcement and the judicial system. Previously, from 2000 through 2005, Mr. Wagner was a sworn state law enforcement officer as the Deputy Administrator of Investigations for the Illinois Gaming Board, in charge of Illinois State Police and Illinois Department of Revenue Agents. Prior to 2000, Mr. Wagner served for 31 years as a Special Agent of the FBI, working Organized Crime investigations. For his last five years at the FBI, he was a Supervisor of an Organized Crime Squad and during the last two years, he was a Supervisor and Coordinator of Organized Crime investigations for the Chicago FBI. Mr. Wagner has presented lectures at the FBI Academy in Quantico, VA on Organized Crime, Labor Racketeering and Informant Development.


Two (2) hours

Note: This course will be taught only on Wednesday.

Session Credits: Gang Profile Analysis; Gang Crime Investigation Skills; Advanced Gang Identification Skills; Officer Safety Skills in Dealing With Gangs; Gang Internet Investigation; Female Gangs.

Abstract

The Latin Kings are the largest Chicago based street gang in the United States and are becoming a growing concern in the smallest of communities throughout the country. This course will be an in-depth look into the Almighty Latin King Nation. We will examine the history and structure of the organization. The Chicago, Connecticut and the New York Chapters will be discussed. Advanced identification of the gang’s signs, symbols and colors will be reviewed and many examples will be examined. The course will also break down and study sections of the Latin Kings Manifesto. Techniques and tactics of the Latin Kings, including meetings, shooting tactics, recruitment tactics, use of the internet and the role of females in the gang will be discussed. Attendees are strongly encouraged to add to the presentation by sharing information on the Latin Kings from their area.

Bio

Sgt. Dan Woods is a 13 year veteran of the Aurora Police Department with over seven years experience working in the Special Operations Group as a gang investigator. Sgt. Woods has extensive experience in dealing with several Chicago based street gangs including the Vice Lords, Latin Kings, Insane Deuces, Gangster Disciples and Ambrose. Sgt. Woods has been involved in several Federal investigations involving Aurora street gangs and has worked with the FBI and ATF during these investigations. Sgt. Woods has conducted gang presentations with NGCRC, North East Multi
Regional Training (NEMRT), The 2005 National Gang Summit in Washington D.C. and has conducted many in-house training sessions for police agencies, citizen police academies, schools, community groups and parents. Sgt. Woods has over 160 hours of gang training including Illinois state certification, N.G.C.R.C. certification and advanced gang identification from the Institute of Police Technology and Management.

(86) “The ‘Knock and Talk’ — A Gang Prevention/Intervention Program for Police Officers”, by Dan Woods, Aurora Police Department, Aurora, IL.
    Note: This course will only be offered on Wednesday.
    One (1) hour
    Session Credits: Gang Prevention Skills; Gang Crime Investigation Skills.

Abstract
The Knock and Talk program was developed by the Aurora Police Department as a prevention/intervention program, used by officers in the field. Officers are able to conduct a home visit of juveniles who have shown recent signs of gang involvement, educate the juveniles parent(s) and offer assistance to prevent future gang involvement. This program is a pro active way for Officers to develop an early relationship with at-risk youths and their parents. It is also an effective intelligence gathering tool. This program was designed with the patrol and/or gang officer in mind, but could be modified to be used by others.

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(87) “The Social - Psychology of California Gang Members”, by Dr. Manuel R. Roman, Jr., Department of Sociology/Psychology/Criminal Justice, Sierra College, Rocklin, CA
    One (1) hour
    Session credits: Gang Prevention Skills; Gang Profile Analysis; Dealing With Gangs in K-12 Schools; Gang and Violence Prevention for School Administrators; Gang Counseling Techniques.

Abstract
This session examines the historical and social psychological basis for gang conflict, focusing on California gang members. Issues addressed include: the social psychology of enmity, gang alliances, loyalty to the barrio/ghetto as a factor in the “occupational siege mentality”, the role of critical thinking skills; the “machismo” or “hypermasculinity factor”; self-esteem, belonging, identity and self concept issues; the “do’s” and “don’ts” of classroom teaching in order to reduce and de-escalate gang tensions/conflicts, and the possibilities for parental, school, and community intervention. Discussion in the class is encouraged on how to defuse the kind of combative personality typically found in the hard core gang members.

Bio
Dr. Roman has 31 years of experience working for the State of California working as a: Correctional Officer, Correctional Program Supervisor, Youth Counselor, Civil Rights Officer and more, and retired in 2002 as Principal at N.A. Chaderjian High School in Stockton, California. He also has taught Sociology, Administration of Justice, and Social Sciences at Sierra College in Rocklin, San Joaquin Delta College, Chapman University, and Sacramento City College. He has also taught Human Relations courses nationwide for the Army National Guard and is a decorated Vietnam veteran. He is a 1986 graduate of the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute in Florida. Finally, Dr. Roman has consulted and conducted seminars on a nationwide basis in the areas of sexual harassment prevention, diversity, high risk student classroom management, and special education.

1.5 hours (90 minutes)
Session credits: Dealing With Gang Members on Probation/Parole; Gang Counseling Techniques; Gang Prevention Skills; Dealing With Gang Members in Juvenile Correctional Facilities.

Abstract
Participants will benefit from lessons learned from a gang specialist whose job is unique in some respects; he supervises only gang members on probation. The session will focus on successful techniques of field-based counseling (out of the office, in the community), do’s and don’ts, tactics to de-escalate tension or anger, dealing with violations on clients. Also examined is the importance of developing relationships with the community and families that will assist the Probation Officer (Counselor) in the future. This session will examine the latest strategies in managing and identifying gang members in the juvenile system. Also, we will discuss the value of referring clients to proper services and knowing the landscape of various gangs in your city. Maybe it is even time for the juvenile court in your jurisdiction to have this kind of specialized capability. Learn some approaches to dealing with gang members on juvenile probation.

Bio
Allataye Russ is a graduate of Alabama State University, with a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology and Criminal Justice. He has worked four years with the Department of Child Services and currently works at Juvenile Court as a Gang Specialist/Probation Officer. He has worked for juvenile court for four years. He maintains a caseload of kids identified as gang members.

(89) “Gang Enforcement Issues of Indian Country” by Lieutenant William Loescher-Sanchez (Puyallup Tribal Police Dept.), Detective Ron Lewis (Tacoma Police Dept, Tacoma, WA), and Director Jody Books (Puyallup Tribe Community Family Services).
Two (2) hours
Session Credits: Gang Crime Investigation Skills; Gang Homicide Investigation; Gang Profile Analysis; Gang Interview/Interrogation Skills; Gang Prosecution; Gang Prevention Skills; and Gangs and Drugs.

Abstract
This course is available to all persons but targeted for options, thoughts and operation plans for communities related to the reservation. The course examines Indian and Non-Indiangang issues that overlap jurisdictions and procedure differences. Identification of gang violence, activity, and the infiltration on the Puyallup Tribe of Indians urban reservation. This presentation will provide you with a basic understanding of a positive working relationship between municipal and tribal law enforcement agencies, and how it benefits all communities concerned. The information provided is information directly forthcoming from each instructor. It is intended that participants will develop a basic understanding of gangs on an urban reservation, their activities off and within the reservation boundaries.

Bios
William Loescher-Sanchez is a Lieutenant with the Puyallup Nation Law Enforcement. William began his career in law enforcement in 1990 with the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, hired under a federal gang officer grant, and was promoted to sergeant in 1995 and to Lieutenant in 2007. William received his basic police academy from the Indian Police Academy (IPA) - Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) and State certification from the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission. William became a GREAT instructor in 1996 and completed training in community oriented policing. Thus, he has a decade of experience in the various aspects of the prevention of gang violence. William has completed gang training at the National gang symposium, IPA, FLETC, Gang Investigator associations, and gang certifications with the National Gang Crime Research Center (N.G.C.R.C.). William is a member of several police and gang investigator associations, and is currently a member of the Tribal Gang Task Force, and supervisor of his department’s gang operations. William is currently working with several gang units and officers with neighboring agencies. William has lectured for educational,corporate, and community groups, including Native American associations, and has been features in news programs. Ron Lewis began his career in law enforcement in 1980 as a police patrol officer in the City of Tacoma and has been recognized for his expertise in the law enforcement community regarding gangs and narcotics. Ron has appeared as a technical consultant in the production of news programs, training films, as well as a featured speaker for law enforcement professionals, educators, community groups, and private businesses. Ron will share his information based on a combined29 years of law enforcement experience. Ron has worked with several law enforcement agencies, “gang units/task force” in Washington, Oregon and California. Ron has also served as an undercover narcotics officer and has gained considerable knowledge dealing with drug dealers and gang members.
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(90) “Native American Gang Homicide Case Study” by Detective Ron Lewis (Tacoma Police Department, WA), Lieutenant William Loescher – Sanchez (Puyallup Tribal Police Department). Two (2) hours Session Credits: Gang Crime Investigation Skills; Gang Homicide Investigation; Gang Profile Analysis; Gang Interview/Interrogation Skills; Gang Prosecution; Gang Prevention Skills; and Gangs and Drugs.

Abstract

This course is available to all conference participants. This course of instruction is with advisory warning due to the nature of the case description and graphic photographs and discussion. This presentation will provide you with a basic understanding of a positive working relationship between municipal and tribal law enforcement agencies, and how it benefits a criminal investigation. The information provided is information directly forthcoming from each instructor. It is intended that participants will develop a basic understanding of Indian gangs on an urban reservation, their activities off and within the reservation boundaries.

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One (1) hour Session Credits: Gang Crime Investigation Skills; Gang Profile Analysis; Domestic Counter-Terrorism.

Abstract

Gangs, and gang activities, were once territorially confined to local neighborhoods. But the with globalization, sophisticated communications technology, and reduced travel restrictions — some gangs operate regionally and internationally. Members of these gangs move fluidly in and out of several countries, including the United States. This session will provide an overview of how gangs have expanded their cross-border networks and illegal activities. In this session you will also learn how the crimes committed by cross-border gangs impact on American society, and what measures are effective in controlling these gangs without borders.

Bio

Janice Joseph, Ph.D. is a professor of the Criminal Justice Program at Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. She is the Editor for Journal of Ethnicity in Criminal Justice. She earned her Ph.D. degree from York University in Toronto, Canada. She is the author of the book: Black Youths,
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One (1) hour
Session Credits: Gang Crime Investigation Skills; Gang Profile Analysis; Domestic Counter-Terrorism.

Abstract
Because of the strong migration flows between the U.S. and Central America, the links between the gangs in some Central American countries and the United States have been reinforced. Consequently, these gangs pose a serious threat to the stability of the region, including the United States. The purposes of this session are to examine the nature and extent of the activities of the gangs, their root causes, their links to gangs in the United States, policies and programs in Central America to deal with the gangs, and United States’ attempts to address the gang problems in Central America.

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(93) “Gangs: A Culture of Violence”, by Henry R. Pacheco, MS, Program Director, World Vision - US Programs, Herndon, VA / Coordinator of Gang Intervention Services - MultiCultural Clinical Center, Springfield, VA.

One (1) hour
Session credits: Asian Gang Issues; Gang Prevention Skills; Gang Problems in K-12 Schools; Gang and Violence Prevention for School Administrators; Officer Safety Skills in Dealing With Gangs; Gang Counseling Techniques; Dealing With Gang Members in Probation/Parole; Faith-Based Programs for Gang Intervention.

Abstract
Gang violence is a communal event, like a ritual which links members together in a common bond. By engaging in violence in the company of one another, the gang creates its own subculture dynamic that takes on a momentum of its own. The gang culture with all its traditions and rituals, constitutes a whole which is greater than the sum of its constituent individual participants. Understanding the aggressive conditioning of gang members, as well as, the power of the gang to motivate, direct, and positively sanction violence by its members is essential for safety reasons.

What specifically should direct service providers (e.g., teachers, counselors, outreach workers, etc) be aware of when working with this population — the indoctrination process, gang expectations of members, etc.

The session will also focus on a number of prevention issues: what it should look like in the field, and what it should look like in the school setting, and why there might be some differences. Remember that violence does not always happen to someone else!

Bio
Henry R. Pacheco is presently Program Director for World Vision’s CMI (Community Mobilization Initiative) a gang reduction strategy implemented in the city of Herndon, Virginia, Nova area. He has a Masters of Science in Human Organization Science from Villanova University, Pennsylvania; specializing in the Administration of Justice and a Bachelor’s of Science in Criminal Justice, York, Pennsylvania. He is a member of the National Alliance of Gang Investigators, Mid Atlantic Regional Gang Investigators Network, New York Gang Investigators Association and formerly of the Virginia Gang Investigators Association. He sits on the Baltimore/Washington HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) Prevention Committee as its Gang Liaison. He received the “Spirit of Excellence” award in 2003 from the National Gang Crime Research Center.
(where he has presented for the past four years). In 2005 he received the Frederic Milton Thrasher Award for the Multicultural Center’s Gang Intervention Services Program which he developed and coordinated. He has been a counselor since 1986, working with the homeless, battered women, a teen group home, sex offenders, interpreter for polygraphers, refugees—during the Mariolito boat lift immigration from Cuba, with the young offenders’s program and in corrections. He has testified as a gang consultant and has presented at multiple agencies as a speaker on the “Psycho-Social Dynamics of Gangs” including the east coast and west coast Dept. Of Labor symposiums for their Youth Services Division presentations - “Youth At-Risk and Gangs”. He has been involved in home based counseling for approximately 17 years, of which 13 years have been in counseling and mentoring hispanic and non-hispanic gang involved youth.


One (1) hour

Session Credits: Gang Crime Investigation Skills; Gang Homicide Investigation Skills; Gang Prosecution; Corrections Gang/STG Intelligence; Dealing With Gang Members in Probation/Parole; Hate Groups/White Racist Extremist Gangs; Motorcycle Gangs; Female Gangs; Gangs and the Mass Media; Asian Gangs; Officer Safety Skills in Dealing With Gangs.

Abstract

This is essentially “part two” of session number 58 by Bob Fuller and Kurt Pierpont. It will cover the following key and essential issues encompassing witness protection: Office of Probation and Pretrial Services, Role of the U.S. Attorney’s Office, Role of the Office of Enforcement Operations, Role of the U.S. Marshals Service, Role of the Bureau of Prisons, Role of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Role of the U.S. Parole Commission, Officer Safety, Declassification, Security (Safe, Files, Court vs. Local Names, Computer, Designated Officer/Clerk), Correspondence.

Bios

Kurt Piepont is a Senior United States Probation and Parole Officer, District of Colorado, 1991 to present. He has been a Supervising U.S. Probation Officer, Location Monitoring Specialist, District Firearms Instructor, and currently working as the District’s Intensive Supervision Specialist handling primarily Gangsters, Offenders with extensive criminal histories, violent criminal histories, or who have historically not been successful in community based supervision. From 1983 to 1991 he was a probation officer with the State of Colorado and was Arapahoe County’s first Intensive Supervision Officer, when the program was first designed and initiated in the early 80’s. His prior job assignments include being the WITSEC Coordinator for the District of Colorado.

Detective Robert “Bob” Fuller is currently a Senior Criminal Investigator with the Denver District Attorney’s Office in Denver, Colorado and has been for the past three years. He is currently assigned to the Metro Gang Task Force. Bob, after 26 years with the Adams County Sheriff’s Department, retired at the rank of Sergeant. Bob has spent eleven years assigned to the Metro Gang Task Force as a Detective and a Sergeant. Bob has been the lead case agent on Federal Gang R.I.C.O. investigations and prosecutions and on the state level, the murder of gang witness investigations and prosecutions. Bob is currently involved in the Continuing Criminal Enterprise investigation of the Tre-Tre Crips in Denver. Bob is also a past recipient of the Thrasher Award.

(95) “Back of the Yards: A Field Training Tour”, by Father Bruce Wellemes and Oscar Contreras, Holy Cross/Immaculate Heart of Mary, Chicago, IL.

Three (3) hours

Note: scheduled only for Wednesday evening (August 6th, 2008), bus departs 5:30pm promptly from front of hotel. Note: You have to be “signed up” for this in advance. You sign up for it using the form available at the website. All tours: first come, first served. Names will be posted at the website. There will be a “last minute” STANDBY LIST FOR THE TOUR: no guarantees here, this is a very popular event. But you would have to be physically present to be on the “stand by list” at the time the bus is scheduled to depart. If there is an open seat, first in line gets the open seat. No sign up; you have to be there; ready to go.

Advice from the NGCRC: this is where you can bring cameras, for some wonderful “shots” of the hood, talk to some people in the hood.

Session Credits: Gang Prevention Skills; Faith-Based Programs for Gang Intervention; Gang Problems in K-12 Schools; Gang and Violence Prevention for School Administrators.

Field Training Tour Description:
Welcome to the Back of the Yards, on the near southwest side of Chicago! Some journalists have also called this the “killing fields”. Though most would not consider this neighborhood a tourist Mecca, the area offers some great insights on working with youth who are at-risk and who are involved in gangs. Accompany Oscar Contreras and Father Bruce Wellems, two men who are walking the streets and have lived in the neighborhood for years. They will tell of successes and failures working with teenage youth, of discoveries and lost treasures in the neighborhood. You will view a memorial wall to murdered youth, as well as other murals, and visit with youth who are living in the neighborhood. This tour will challenge you to a greater awareness of the needs of our urban areas.

**About the field training tour session leaders:**

Father Bruce Wellems is the Pastor of Holy Cross/Immaculate Heart of Mary in the Back of the Yards, Chicago, a Mexican immigrant low-income neighborhood. Father Bruce has worked in the parish for 13 years, developing alternative education programs for youth at-risk in partnership with the Chicago Public Schools and Mayor Richard Daley. He also works with the Juvenile Courts, Juvenile Probation and Chicago Police Department in serving Chicago youths.

Oscar Contreras has worked with Holy Cross-Catholic Charities for several years, and is responsible for Supervising Street Intervention. Oscar accompanies a series of youth group gatherings called “Reflections” and Parenting workshops called “Padres Ayudando Padres”. Originally from East Los Angeles from a gang environment, Oscar works primarily in areas of crisis management with youth and their families.

(96) “Street Gang Involvement in Human Sex & Labor Trafficking”, by Rev. Michael T. Westbrook, President, Greater Life, Inc., Vice President Newark Police/Clergy Alliance.

1.5 hours (90 minutes)

**Session credits:** Faith-Based Programs for Gang Intervention.

**Abstract**

This session will give an overview of the growing problem of Human Sex & Labor Trafficking in the U.S., and how street gangs profit from this activity. The session will conclude with strategies on how communities can come together to combat this problem.

**Bio**

Rev. Michael T. Westbrook, President and Pastor, is celebrating his 22nd year of ministry to youth and families as a professional speaker, preacher, teacher, and street worker. With a Call from God to rebuild and restore urban communities, he has been privileged to serve many churches, ministries, and groups throughout the country; particularly focusing on the concerns relating to youth, gang, and street culture. He has been successful in bringing others together to address problems and empower them to define and act upon realistic solutions. He is Vice President of the 5th District “Ministry of Presence” Newark Police Dept. Clergy-Chaplain/Police Alliance. Along with presenting gang workshops and training, Rev. Westbrook is also Dean of the Gerrell Bible Institute, General Dean of Christian Education of the Unified Freewill Baptist Churches, Inc, has served as Vice Pres. Of Multicultural & Urban Ministries of Young Life & Dean of the Young Life/Eastern University Institute for Urban Ministry Training, is a Mentor at the Essex County NJ Youth Detention Facility, a Roundtable Member of the Urban Summit, managed by the Institute for Black Family Development, a Graduate of the Executive Leadership Institute Training Program, and Co-Coordinator of the National Black Evangelical Association, Eastern Region. In addition, Rev. Michael T. Westbrook is a contributing author of the book “Planting Seeds of Hope”, and is a recipient of many honors and awards, including Who’s Who Amongst American Christian Leaders, and the International Peace Prize. He has been happily married for 23 yds to Rev. Maria A. Westbrook, a life partner in ministry.

(97) “How to Acquire Information and Build an Intelligence Team in the Learning Environment”, by George W. Knox, Ph.D., NGCRC, Chicago, IL; and Robert Mulvaney, M.P.A., MDOC, Lansing, MI.

One (1) hour

**Session credits:** Gang Problems in K-12 Schools; Gang and Violence Prevention for School Administrators; Gang Prevention Skills; Management/Supervision Skills for Gang Specialists; Gags in Juvenile Correctional Facilities.

**Abstract**

School administrators can’t be everywhere all the time. To be effective, he or she must rely on information and intelligence gathered and forwarded by a skills and diverse team of staff. We will examine criteria useful for selecting and training staff from various areas to function as effective members of an intelligence team in the learning environment. We will also discuss the need for
confidentiality, while considering the benefits of networking and sharing information and intelligence. We will explore and discuss how proactively working with various staff will improve safety and security in the learning environment. We will make the case that this provides another line of defense and an “early warning system” that might prevent the kind of events we all fear. The participants will learn some basic identifiers and information to help them understand the gang subculture and lifestyle.

Bios


Robert Mulvaney, M.P.A. is the Security Threat Group Coordinator for the Michigan Department of Corrections. His background of 29 years experiences includes positions as a correctional officer, unit manager and parole officer. He has done presentations for numerous agencies. He is a member of the Midwest Gang Investigators Association (M.G.I.A.) And the Mid-Michigan Crime Prevention Association. He has written articles for Corrections Alert (Oct. 1998) and for the Journal of Gang Research.

(98) “Ammunition for the Mind: A Replicable Gang Prevention - Intervention Program”, by Colleen Lawson, C. Ht., Garrett Wellness Center, Chicago, IL.

Two (2) hours
Session credits: Gang Prevention Skills.
Abstract
What are we encountering in 2008? Entire neighborhoods that mistrust their police: overworked and honest patrolment trying in frustration to connect with at-risk youth; community residents lamenting the division between the two and watching in despair as their youth turn increasingly to gangs to tell them who they are and where they’re going. District Commanders seeing 1out of 32 Americans under correctional supervision and searching for a way to stop it all.

The blueprint for a ground breaking program: don’t miss your chance ot be amongst the first police districts in the nation to celebrate the success of an amazing opportunity to change police relations and gang statistics where you live and work.

In this workshop, you will come away with every tool your district needs in order to implement a quick, easy, and no-cost system which effortlessly promotes positive rapport between police, youth and community...while simultaneously combatting the number one factor in criminal proclivity and recidivism. With the entire blueprint in your hands, you can set the system to work the day you return to your jurisdiction, and your city can be reporting success from the day of implementation – even before the prograrm begins — with no bump to your budget.

Bio

Colleen Lawson, C. Ht., is a Guild Certified Hypnotherapist with the longest running hypnosis center in Chicago. She specializes in pediatric and adult trauma resolution and is further certified in Critical Incident Stress Debriefing and First Emergency Responder Training. Memberships include the National Guild of Hypnotists, the Association to Advance Ethnical Hypnosis and the International Association of Medial and Therapeutic Specialists. Especially welcoming the challenges and skeptics often sent to her by her peers in the industry, Lawson pioneered a need-based approach to client issues utilizing techniques that include traditional and Ericksonian hypnosis, NLP and the TIM approach to imagerial confluence for behavior modification, and teaches the use of conflict resolution tools readily usable to laymen and experts alike.

(99) “Collaboration of Church and State – The Faith Community and Law Enforcement: Partnering Together to Address Gang Awareness, Prevention, and Intervention”, by Rev. Michael T. Westbrook, President, Greater Life, Inc., Vice President Newark Police/Clergy Alliance. 1.5 hours (90 minutes)
Session credits: Faith-Based Programs for Gang Intervention; Gang Prevention Skills.
Abstract
This session will provide the attendee with basic information and action steps necessary for mobilizing the faith community to partner together with local law enforcement in order to effectively address and work toward solutions to gang/youth problems in their community.

Bio
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(100) “The Use of Cognitive Interviewing Techniques with Victims and Witnesses of Gang or Violent Crimes”, by Robert D. Hanser, Ph.D., Director of the Institute of Law Enforcement, University of Louisiana at Monroe, Monroe, LA.
One (1) hour
Session credits: Gang Interview/Interrogation Skills; Gang Counseling Techniques.
Abstract
This session will present Cognitive Interviewing Techniques (CIT) and their potential application to interviewing victims of gang crimes. Discussion of CIT will be provided, explaining why this can be a particularly useful approach at interviewing victims of gang crimes. In addition, dynamics impacting victim and/or witness recall that are unique to gang issues will be addressed, such as intimidation of victims and witnesses and/or mistrust of the interviewer. Additional information regarding the use of CIT in cross-cultural contexts among a diverse victim population will also be addressed since this can also impact the type of victim and witness testimony that may be obtained.
Bio
Robert D. Hanser, Ph.D. is Director of the Institute of Law Enforcement at the University of Louisiana at Monroe. Rob has worked with gang-related offenders in the Texas prison system and has also worked as a clinical threatment provider to y oung gang offenders and their families in the Houston area. Rob is the Graduate Coordinator for the Department of Criminal Justice at the University of Louisiana at Monroe and is a Licensed Professional Counselor in the State of Louisiana and Texas.

(101) “How to Make Your Positive Choices More Appealing to Youth Than Gang Choices”, by Colleen Lawson, C. Ht., Garrett Wellness Center, Chicago, IL.
Two (2) hours
Session credits: Gang Counseling Techniques; Gang Prevention Skills; Gang and Violence Prevention for School Administrators.
Abstract
Have you ever said “I know I should do one thing, but I feel like doing something else?” Well, today’s youth are not ignorant of our cautions and advice to them. They know the consequences that their actions can have, and yet they join gangs, following their feelings instead. There is historical precedent for this: our subconscious minds direct our actions, leading us to follow our feelings more strongly than our logical minds....hence the success of advertising’s emotional appeals....and what are gang recruitment techniques and platitudes if not emotionally-led advertisements? For proof, ask any of the presenters on cult organizations at this conference.
In this eye-opening workshop, you will learn not only how and why these subconscious appeals work in bringing our youth into the gang fold, but you will also learn how to counter the
paradox of knowing/feeling, make the appeal of positive alternatives even stronger than those of gang life, and, as a bonus, how to make the anti-gang appeal originate within the mind of the youth himself.

Bio
Colleen Lawson, C. Ht., is a Guild Certified Hypnotherapist with the longest running hypnosis center in Chicago. She specializes in pediatric and adult trauma resolution and is further certified in Critical Incident Stress Debriefing and First Emergency Responder Training. Memberships include the National Guild of Hypnotists, the Association to Advance Ethical Hypnosis and the International Association of Medial and Therapeutic Specialists. Especially welcoming the challenges and skeptics often sent to her by her peers in the industry, Lawson pioneered a need-based approach to client issues utilizing techniques that include traditional and Ericksonian hypnosis, NLP and the TIM approach to imagerial confluence for behavior modification, and teaches the use of conflict resolution tools readily usable to laymen and experts alike.

(102) “The Audy Home Tour: A Guided Visit of the Cook County Temporary Juvenile Detention Center”, by Kevin Kreuser and Joy Kreuser, Cook County Juvenile Probation Department, Chicago, IL.

Two (2) Hours
Session credits: Dealing With Gangs in Juvenile Correctional Facilities; Gang Prevention Skills; Corrections Gang/STG Intelligence; Dealing With Gang Members in Probation/Parole.

Abstract
“Audy Home” is what it has been called for a century, it is the secure short-term lockup for juveniles awaiting or undergoing trial in Cook County. Persons attending the 2008 NGCRC Conference will be able to “sign-up” for the tour of the Audy Home effective immediately. The website contains a “Sign Me Up for the Audy Home Tour” form. This form must be faxed or mailed in (or both). Watch the website to monitor if your name shows up on the “official list” of persons who have signed up for the tour.

This networking opportunity is of value especially to anyone working with juveniles, juvenile probation, etc.

There is a limit on the number of persons who can go on the Audy Home Tour, and this number is a function mostly of security precautions (this is, after all, a secure facility you will be touring). The website will note if there is or is not any space remaining on the Audy Home Tour. If there is no space remaining, then you can always “sign up” for “standby space” on the Audy Home Tour. We often get last minute cancellations for the tour (this is not the first time we have done this), and so if you are available at the time the bus leaves from the hotel, and someone who has been signed up for it does not arrive, you get their seat because they did not show up on time. That is the standby space option.

The Audy Home tour is scheduled for Thursday, August 7th, 2008. The bus will pick up people directly at the hotel, 5:30pm. It will come back to the hotel in about two hours.

The Audy Home is one of the largest such juvenile detention facilities in the USA. It was created when the first juvenile court was created in America. The first juvenile court in America was created in Cook County, Illinois. You might reasonably assume a high density level for gang membership among the juveniles confined in the Audy Home. We have two outstanding tour leaders who are juvenile justice professionals: Kevin Kreuser and Joy Kreuser.

(103) “A Threat Analysis of Somali Gangs in the Midwest”, by Mike Kleber and Trent Wurtz, School Resource Officers, Chaska Police Department, Chaska, MN.

One (1) Hour
Session credits: Gang Profile Analysis; Gang Crime Investigation Skills; Gang Problems in K-12 Schools; Office Safety Skills in Dealing With Gangs; Gangs and Drugs; Gang and Violence Prevention for School Administrators; Advanced Gang Identification.

Abstract
This session will provide a cursory overview of Somali gangs. The scope and extent of Somali gang activity and impact will be examined. The history of Somali gangs will be explained, along with identifiers, including alliances, conflicts with other gangs and current trends will be discussed.

Bios
Mike Kleber and Trent Wurtz are members of the Chaska Police Department Gang Unit and serve as School Resource Officers. They focus their attention on gang members and juvenile issues.
Between them, they have over 20 years of police experience and are Certified Gang Specialists. Kleber and Wurtz are members of the International Latino Gang Investigators Association. Kleber is also a member of the Midwest Gang Investigators Association. In August 2004, Kleber and Wurtz received the Frederic M. Thrasher Award from the National Gang Crime Research Center. In August 2006, the National Gang Crime Research Center recognized Kleber and Wurtz with the Spirit of Excellence Award for their work in gang prevention. One of their proudest accomplishments has been the development of a playground for a neighborhood with at-risk youth in their community.

Mike Kleber and Trent Wurtz have taught police officers, correctional personnel, probation/parole officers, social workers, judges, attorneys, teachers, and many other professionals. Their workshop will be interesting and educational, and will add confidence to the participants when dealing with Somali gang members.

(104) “Latino Gangs in Schools & Smaller Midwest Communities”, by Mike Kleber and Trent Wurtz, School Resource Officers, Chaska Police Department, Chaska, MN.

Two (2) Hours

Session credits: Gang Profile Analysis; Gang Crime Investigation Skills; Gang Problems in K-12 Schools; Office Safety Skills in Dealing With Gangs; Gangs and Drugs; Gang and Violence Prevention for School Administrators; Advanced Gang Identification; Gang Prevention Skills; Female Gangs; Gang Counseling Techniques; Gangs and the Mass Media.

Abstract
Gangs and gang members are in every community, large or small. Community agencies that do not recognize this, and fail to implement strategies to educate their staff and community, are failing in the delivery of their public safety mission. The concern gangs cause is the same whether you work or live in a small or large community.

This workshop, presented as a Power Point Presentation by Mike Kleber and Trent Wurtz, will speak on gang identifiers, media, current trends, prevention, and intervention of gang members. The workshop will focus on two Latino gangs. The Latin Kings and Sureños 13. You will see a video interview with a Latin King gang member, in which he gives perspective on his involvement, allowing participants to analyze his mindset. In addition, participants will be provided with examples of how small communities with limited resources can intervene in gang activity.

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(105) “How to Build a Gang Unit for Smaller Communities and Police Agencies”, by Mike Kleber and Trent Wurtz, School Resource Officers, Chaska Police Department, Chaska, MN.

1.5 hours (90 minutes)

Session credits: Gang Crime Investigation Skills; Gang Profile Analysis; Gang Prevention Skills; Gang Prosecution; Officer Safety Skills in Dealing With Gangs; Gang Problems in K-12 Schools

Abstract
This workshop will give law enforcement officers from smaller communities that have limited resources, the “nuts” and “bolts” of how to BUILD and create a successful gang unit. The presentation will inform the participant on the following important details: (1) Evaluating your gang presence in your community, (2) Successful ways of presenting these issues and ideas to your supervisors and/or community leaders, (3) Key partnerships that need to exist for a successful gang
unit, and, most important (4) Demonstrating to your community, through enforcement activity and prevention services, that your gang unit has your community’s best interests in mind.

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(106) “Cyber Bullying: How to Identify and Respond to Internet-Based Bullying Incidents”, by Rev. Cecelia Palmer, Calumet City, IL.

1.5 hours (90 minutes)

Abstract
90% of Middle School students polled had their feelings hurt on-line while 65% of students between the ages of 8-14 have been involved directly or indirectly in a Cyber Bullying incident as the Cyber Bully, victim or friend. Cyber Bullying is the way students bully each other in the new Millennium. Students have killed each other and committed suicide after having been involved in a Cyber Bullying incident. This workshop will speak on what Cyber Bullying is, why students Cyber Bully others. Cyber Bullying information for law enforcement, ways to prevent Cyber Bullying, and a four pronged approach to Cyber Bullying. In addition, participants will be presented with tools and ideas on how to address the topic of Cyber Bullying with staff and students.

Bio
Reverend Cecelia Palmer has been a Minister and Educator for over 20 years. She has taught both Middle School and High School with Chicago Public School and the South Suburbs of Illinois. Cecelia has dedicated her life to working with at risk students and students involved in gangs through educational institutions and Faith-based organizations. Cecelia has worked with police and correctional officers, social workers, teachers, and many other professionals. Cecelia was voted Teacher of the Year and is listed in Who’s Who America’s Teachers. She currently resides in Calumet City, Illinois with her husband LaMont. Cecelia is a Certified Gang Specialist and she has a Masters in Educational Administration.


One (1) hour
Session credits: Motorcycle gangs; Gang Profile Analysis.

Abstract
This session will provide an overview of one of the largest and oldest motorcycle clubs and gangs throughout America and beyond. A vast amount of public information that is available on Hells Angels will be analyzed, with an emphasis on news articles and scholarly literature, examining the development and the present state of the gang. Following this analysis, a direction for future research of value to law enforcement agencies will be suggested.

Bio
Aaron Rider is a Master’s candidate in Criminal Justice at Grand Valley State University. Rider’s research interests are in the area of interviewing and interrogating, and communications dynamics in law enforcement.
Can You Help The NGCRC With the 2008 K-12 Public School Survey?

Dear K-12 School Professional:

Will you kindly help us to develop useful national knowledge about gang and related problems in K-12 schools, to help perhaps bring more attention to the resource needs of public schools, and to help, perhaps to find ways to solve some of these very serious problems?

We are carrying out a small research project that examines gang and hate group and related factors as these factors do or do not impact upon your school, and we need your help.

We would like to get one survey research instrument completed for each school. Can you help? The survey will only take a couple of minutes.

You might be a teacher, a counselor, a principal, an SRO, etc.

We guarantee to protect the privacy of your survey response and we will only be using the data for aggregate statistical analysis (see the 2006 Survey Report at our website). Unlike surveys carried out by government agencies, your individual survey responses cannot be obtained by the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), as the NGCRC is not funded by federal monies. So when we promise you anonymity, we can really fulfill that promise. But if you want to remain totally anonymous, fine, just leave any question blank that you believe is identifying (e.g., zip code for your school would be identifying if there was only one school in your zip code).

The NGCRC has a long positive history of honoring the confidentiality of research respondents, see our website for examples of a variety of research reports. We are not new to this business. The NGCRC is a private non-profit agency, providing service to America since 1990. We hope we can count on your help in this very important and timely piece of research that will help you, your school, and your students in the long run through the positive impact on social policy that NGCRC research has.

One other thing the NGCRC does is really work hard to make sure that when we promise you that you will receive a copy of the preliminary research findings, we really do deliver on that kind of promise.

We need people who are knowledgeable about their local public school or who can gather that information voluntarily. Our ideal respondent is the principal, or an associate or assistant principal, or a School Resource Officer (SRO), or a school counselor, or a teacher, or anyone who works with the school or has sufficient knowledge of the school to be able to answer the kinds of questions we face when dealing with problems posed by gangs and hate groups. The focus of the survey is on gang-related issues (gangs and hate groups).

The research project examines gang and hate group and related factors as these factors do or do not impact upon your school, and we need your help.

We would like to get one survey research instrument completed for each school (one and only one survey for each school is the rule). Can you help? The survey will only take a couple of minutes. For a limited time offer, if you complete the survey and mark on the bottom of it “completed and submitted before July 31, 2008 so please send me a free copy of the NGCRC journal”, we will send you a free complimentary copy of the *Journal of Gang Research*. The *Journal of Gang Research* is now in its 15th year as a professional quarterly journal and is the official publication of the NGCRC.

Please take a couple minutes to complete and return the survey. If you have any questions, feel free to call the NGCRC (708) 258-9111. We would be happy to answer any questions you might have. We need your response in by July 31st, 2008. Thanking you in advance for your help.

Cordially,

George W. Knox, Ph.D.
Director, NGCRC
The 2008 School Survey of Gang-Related Issues

1. During the last year, did your school experience an increase or decrease in the number of its security staff such as School Resource Officers (SRO’s)?
   ___Added security staff such as SRO’s   ___Lost security staff such as SRO’s.
   ___Remained about the same

2. During the last year, has your school experienced an increase or decrease in student enrollment?
   ____Enrollment increased  ___Enrollment decreased  ___Remained about the same

3. Does your school prohibit the wearing of gang symbols on the clothing that students wear to school? ___Yes ___No

4. In your opinion, are students safer with a policy that requires them to wear a uniform mode of dress to school? ____Yes ___No

5. In your opinion, do you believe that a policy requiring students to wear uniforms can reduce gang activities in the school setting? ___Yes ___No

6. Does your school have a written policy that prohibits gang activity on campus? ___Yes ___No
   (If yes, will you please mail us a copy of it attached to this survey response. Thank you in advance for this help.)

7. Are there any abandoned buildings located nearby the location of your school’s campus? ___Yes ___No

8. Does your school have a written policy that prohibits bullying behavior? ____Yes ___No
   (If yes, will you please mail us a copy of it attached to this survey response. Thank you in advance for this help.)

9. Does your school have a written policy that prohibits race/ethnic/religious “hate group” activity? ___Yes ___No
   (If yes, will you please mail us a copy of it attached to this survey response. Thank you in advance for this help.)

10. During the last year, have there been any gang shootings nearby the geographical location of your school? ___Yes ___No

11. During the last year, have there been any drug shootings nearby the geographical location of your school? ___Yes ___No

12. What is the total number of students officially enrolled at your school? _______ Students

13. Does your school have a part-time or full-time School Resource Officer (SRO)? _____Part-time _______ Full-time _______ No SRO
14. Do the teachers or staff members in your school receive any mandatory training on or about gang issues? ___Yes ___No

15. Do you think more staff training is needed on gang issues for your school? ___Yes ___No
(if yes, what topics do you think need to be emphasized:_____________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________

16. Has your school seen the pattern where a bully picks on a victim because of his/her race?
___Yes ___No

17. In your opinion, do you think that some bullying behavior is related to racial or ethnic conflicts? ____Yes ____No

18. Has your school seen the pattern where a bully picks on a victim because the intended victim is gay or lesbian? ____Yes ____No

19. From your experience, where does most of the bullying behavior actually occur:
____In the Classroom ____Outside of the classroom ____Both

20. Does your school conduct “locker searches” at some point during the school year? ___Yes ___No

21. Does your school make use of drug sniffing dogs to conduct drug searches? ___Yes ___No

22. Does your school require all students to pass through a metal detector when they seek to enter the school building? ___Yes ___No

23. Does your school scan the Drivers License of visitors to your school building to see if they are sex offenders? ___Yes ___No

24. Were there any gang fights between rival gang members in and around your school during the last one year period? ___Yes ___No

25. Were there any complaints of gang recruiting going on in and around your school during the last one year period? ___Yes ___No

26. Were there any students arrested for drug sales or drug use at your school during the last one year period? ___Yes ___No

27. In your opinion, do you think your school needs more “bully prevention” program services? ___Yes ___No

28. In your opinion, would it be good public policy to implement a gang prevention program in your jurisdiction? ___Yes ___No
29. Do you feel gang training should be required for certain types of school administrators?  
___Yes ___No

30. In your opinion, do school uniforms eliminate a lot of the problems associated with gang colors and gang symbols? ___YES ___NO

31. In your opinion is the DARE program an effective program for preventing drug abuse among students? ___Yes ___No

32. What percentage of the students at your school do you feel are regularly using illegal drugs? ______% 

32. If you had to estimate, how many of the students at your school do you feel are active gang members? _______Active gang members

33. What percentage of the students at your school do you feel are in a social network consisting of one or more persons who regularly use illegal drugs? _______%

34. If you had to estimate, how many of the students at your school do you feel are associating with gang members? _______Associating with gang members

35. Are there periodically any gang conflicts between students in your school? ___Yes ___No

36. In the area surrounding your school location, is it possible to find examples of “gang graffiti” in the neighborhood (e.g., where a gang marks its turf or puts down another gang)? ___Yes ___No

37. Are there any colors or symbols that are commonly “represented” at your school that probably have a secondary meaning with regard specifically to the gang that uses such colors and symbols? ___Yes ___No

38. How many teachers or staff members of your school were assaulted by students during the last one year (12 month) period? ______ teachers or staff members

39. What are the names of the largest three (3) gangs that are represented among the students in your school? 
___________________________________________________
___________________________________________________
___________________________________________________

40. What are the names of the largest three gangs that operate in and around the location of your school address? 
____________________________________________________
____________________________________________________
____________________________________________________

(do you have any photographs of their signs that you can mail to the NGCRC, if yes, please mail these marked “Attachment for Item #40”)

41. Are there any all female gangs that operate in and around the location of your school address? ___Yes ___No

42. Does your school enforce specific types of “grooming” codes for hair, make-up, etc? ___Yes ___No (if yes, please provide a copy of this policy)
43. Does your school prohibit gang and hate group slogans on clothing and apparel (shirts, belts, shoes, socks, etc)? ___Yes ___No

44. How many teachers are employed in your school?_________ teachers

45. Estimate how many of the teachers employed in your school have been trained in gang awareness. ________ teachers

46. Estimate how many teachers employed in your school have been trained in gang identification. _______ Teachers

47. Estimate how many teachers employed in your school have been trained in dealing with hate group issues. ________ Teachers

48. Does your school currently have any type of gang prevention program? ___Yes ___No
   If yes, what is it called:_____________________________________(e.g., GRIP, GREAT, etc).

49. Does your school currently have any type of drug prevention program? ___Yes ___No
   If yes, what is it: ______________________________________(e.g., DARE, etc, the name of the program)

50. (a) During the last one year period, were there any threats of violence against your school delivered by means of an email threat? ____Yes ____No

50. (b) During the last one year period, were there any threats of violence against your school delivered by means of a written paper threat? ____Yes ____No

50. (c) During the last one year period, were there any threats of violence against your school reported as verbal threats made and reported by one or more partie who may have been present during the verbal threat? ____Yes ____No

50. (d) During the last one year period, were there any threats of violence against your school made in some other fashion than a, b, or c above? ____Yes ____No
   If yes, describe:__________________________________________________________

51. (a) During the last one year period, were any firearms discovered and taken into custody at your school? ___Yes ___No

51 (b) During the last one year period, were any students expelled for having firearms in or on the grounds of your school? ___Yes ___No

51 (c). During the last one year period, were there any bomb threats directed at your school? ___Yes ___No

51 (d) During the last one year period, did your school have to cancel a school event because of the threat of gang violence? ____Yes _____No

52. Are there any groups or organizations that espouse a radical Islamic philosophy that operate in or on the grounds of your school? ____Yes ____No

53. Are there any groups of skinheads or others who espouse a white racist philosophy that operate in and around the location of your school address?  ___Yes ___No

54. Have there been any arrests for possession, distribution, or sales of methamphetamines among the students in your school during the last year?  ___Yes ___No
55. Do you predict the methamphetamine problem for your students will grow, decrease, or remain the same in 2009?
   ____ Expect a growing problem with illegal methamphetamine drugs in 2009
   ____ Expect a decreasing problem with illegal methamphetamine drugs in 2009
   ____ Problem will not change or will remain the same

56. Were there any “gang disturbances” or fights involving gang members inside your school during the last year? ___Yes ___No

57. Do you believe that some politicians or officials in your jurisdiction want public school personnel to “downplay” or even deny the gang problem? ___Yes ___No

58. Have there been any reports of occult-type activities among students in your school during the last year (e.g., dabbling in satanism, witchcraft, odinism, etc). ___Yes ___No

59. Do you believe parents should be held financially responsible for the crimes committed by their children who are juveniles? ___Yes ___No

60. In terms of public expenditures, please estimate the per capita cost per pupil in your school during the last year.
   $______________dollars per pupil per year

61. Have you noticed an increase or decrease in gang graffiti during the last year?
   ___increased ___decreased ___no change ___no gang graffiti during last year

62. What kind of “Report Card” grade would you give your city government officials for addressing the gang problem during the last year?
   ___A ___B ___C ___D ___F

63. What “Report Card” grade would you give elected federal government officials for addressing the gang problem during the last year? ___A ___B ___C ___D ___F

64. A zero-tolerance policy is the best approach for controlling the outbreak or spread of the gang problem.
   ___Strongly Agree ___Agree ___Uncertain ___Disagree ___Strongly Disagree

65. Are females also involved in the gangs that operate in or around your school jurisdiction? ___Yes ___No

66. If yes, please estimate what percentage of the total gang member population in your area are females: _______% are females

67. If gang wannabe’s start in a school, the best thing to do is to ignore them (don’t do anything about it), as the problem might go away on its own.
   ___Strongly Agree ___Agree ___Uncertain ___Disagree ___Strongly Disagree

68. To what extent do elected officials in your school district deny the gang problem? (Check one rating, higher the number, higher the denial, lower the number, the lower the level of denial).
   No denial ___0 ___1 ___2 ___3 ___4 ___5 ___6 ___7 ___8 ___9 ___10 High Denial

68b. During the last one year period, have there been any reports of students at your school using the new drug called “Jenkem” (aka: winnie, runners, Leroy Jenkems, Might, Butthash, etc)? ___Yes ___No
69. During the last year, do you think your school became safer, less safer, or about the same?
   ___During the last year my school became safer
   ___During the last year my school became less safer and more dangerous
   ___During the last year my school’s level of safety/danger did not change

70. Do you expect an increase or decrease in gang-related problems in the next year?
   ____Increase in gang-related problems
   ____Decrease in gang-related problems
   ____No change or will remain the same

71. Please estimate the percentage of disciplinary problems at your school during 2007 that were caused by gang members or gang associates. __________%

72. Please estimate the percentage of disciplinary problems at your school during 2007 that were caused by persons with racist extremist group affiliations (neo-nazi, skinheads, etc). __________%

73. During the last year, did you receive any reports or periodicals from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) about topics such as gangs, gang prevention, etc? ___Yes ___No

74. If yes to question #73 above, please rate the level of satisfaction you had with these materials:
   Not Satisfied ___0 ___1 ___2 ___3 ___4 ___5 ___6 ___7 ___8 ___9 ___10 Very Satisfied

75. Please estimate the average daily attendance (ADA) for students attending your school during the most recent year? __________%

76. Do you feel that if less attention was given to gangs on television, in newspapers, and in movies, video games, etc, that fewer people would join a gang? ___Yes ___No

77. If they could be offered at your school, would you like to see faith-based gang prevention services integrated into the K-12 curriculum? ___Yes ___No

78. Do you feel some level of “gang awareness training” should be required for K-12 public school teachers? ___Yes ___No

79. During the last year did your school experience an increase or decrease in security related problems (gangs, drugs, fights, etc)?
   ____Problem increased during last year ___Problem decreased during last year ___remained same

80. Please estimate, what percentage of the security problems in your school last year were caused by or involved gang members or gang associates? ____%

81. Please estimate, what percentage of the threats of violence in your school last year were caused by or involved gang members or gang associates? ____%

82. Hypothetically, if one of your students is expelled and banned from a local area mall (assume for disruptive conduct, etc), does this information get formally transmitted to your school guidance counselor or other school official in a routine fashion and on a timely basis?
   ___Yes ___No
83. Our school has no formalized liaison policies and procedures for receiving information on student conduct at malls in the area from security staff who may work there.

___Yes ___No

84. During the last year, did your school have to increase its security for an athletic event because of gang-related problems? _____Yes _____No

85. During the last year, did your school have any negative exposure through students on the Internet site known as “YouTube”? _____Yes _____No

86. As a staff or faculty member, have you personally been threatened or victimized by gang members where you work or teach? _____Yes _____No

87. What one thing would you do (if you had the power and resources to do it) to make your school a safer place for children? (feel free to attach statement)

__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________

88. Are there any movies, videos, or types of music that are prohibited or banned at your school?

___Yes ___No (If yes, describe briefly: __________________________)