

2007 Survey of Law Enforcement Gang Units

General Information

1. Please provide the official name of your gang unit: *(for example, 'Union City Gang Unit')*

2. What year was the gang unit created?

3. Does your gang unit routinely address any of the following types of groups?

Yes No

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | A. Street Gangs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | B. "Wannabe" gangs (emulate the gang lifestyle but commit few actual crimes) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | C. Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs (OMG) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | D. Hate groups (for example, Aryan Nation) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | E. Prison gangs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | F. Terrorist organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | G. Organized crime families (e.g. mafia) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | H. Other: _____ |

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4. Does your jurisdiction make use of civil gang participation injunctions?

- Yes
 No

5. Does your unit have a formal definition someone must meet in order to be classified as a gang member?

- Yes
 No

If yes, is this definition set by statute?

- Yes
 No

What is this definition? _____

6. Does your unit have a formal definition a group must meet in order to be classified as a gang?

Yes

No

If yes, is this definition set by statute?

Yes

No

What is this definition? _____

Personnel

7. Report the number of full-time equivalent employees assigned to your gang unit by the following categories as of June1, 2007

A. Total sworn personnel assigned to gang unit:

Full-Time _____

Part-Time _____

a. The total number of sworn personnel includes:

Yes No

 Uniform officers

 Plainclothes officers

B. Total sworn personnel assigned to gang unit by gender:

Full-Time Part-Time

a. Males: _____ _____

b. Females: _____ _____

C. Total sworn personnel assigned to gang unit by race/ethnicity:

Full-Time Part-Time

a. White (non-Hispanic) officers: _____ _____

b. Black (non-Hispanic) officers: _____ _____

c. Hispanic officers: _____ _____

d. Asian officers: _____ _____

e. Native American officers: _____

f. Other: _____

D. Total non-sworn personnel assigned to gang unit:

Full-Time _____

Part-Time _____

8. How are officers primarily selected or assigned to your gang unit?

Competitive selection process when vacancies/opportunities occur (e.g. promotion board)

Command staff identifies line officers who are then assigned to the unit

Current gang unit officers identify line officers who are then assigned to the unit

Other _____

9. Which of the following best describe the formal selection standards/criteria for gang unit officers? *Mark (X) one for each:*

<u>Standard set the same for all officers</u>	<u>Standard set higher for gang unit officers</u>	<u>Not used as a selection standard</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	A. Complaint history
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	B. Discipline history
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	C. Use-of-Force record
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	D. Financial/credit history

10. Is there a maximum amount of time that officers can serve in the gang unit?

Yes → If yes, what is the maximum time?: _____ years _____ months
(include all possible extensions)

No

11A. Do you specifically recruit officers with any of the following characteristics?

Yes No

a. Minority officers

b. Female officers

c. Officers who speak foreign languages

d. Officers raised in neighborhoods similar to those typically served by the gang unit.

11B. Do you have **difficulty** recruiting officers with any of the following characteristics?

Yes No

- a. Minority officers
- b. Female officers
- c. Officers who speak foreign languages
- d. Officers raised in neighborhoods similar to those typically served by the gang unit.

Other characteristics your unit looks for in potential members: _____

12. Do new members of your gang unit receive any formal training related to gangs?

Yes No

- A. Specialized training at an academy or other formal setting.
- B. On-the-job training
- C. Other _____

13. Do members of the gang unit receive periodic training on gang issues at conferences or other formal settings outside of your agency?

- Yes
- No

Operations

14. Do officers in your gang unit regularly respond to general calls for service (not necessarily gang related)?

- Yes
- No

15. Rank the following functions in terms of how your unit spends the greatest proportion of time? (*1 = the unit spends the greatest proportion of time on this function*)

- _____ Investigation
- _____ Intelligence
- _____ Support
- _____ Field contact/suppression
- _____ Prevention programs

16. Does your gang unit utilize any of the following types of patrol or operational activities?

Yes No

- A. Foot patrol
- B. Bicycle patrol
- C. Directed/targeted patrol of high crime areas

- D. Routine patrol
- E. Undercover gang infiltration
- F. Undercover surveillance operations
- G. Other: _____

17. Do any of the following agencies assign personnel to work with the gang unit on a regular basis?

Yes No

- A. Housing authority management
- B. Probation
- C. Parole
- D. State or local prosecutor
- E. Officials from local, state, and/or federal detention facilities
- F. Other: _____

18. Does your gang unit participate in any local/regional task forces that primarily investigate gangs?

- Yes → If yes, what is the name of the task force? _____
- No

19. Does your unit work with federal law enforcement agencies in any of the following capacities?

Yes No

- A. Investigation of crimes
- B. Participation in federal task force
- C. Screening of selected cases
- D. Participation in enforcement/operational planning
- E. Other: _____

Gang Information

20. Do your gangs finance themselves through any of the following sources? *Mark (X) all that apply.*

Yes No

- a. Weapons trafficking
- b. Drug trafficking
- c. Street-level drug sales
- d. Human trafficking
- e. Gambling
- f. Gang member maintain legitimate employment and pay dues to the gang
- g. Prostitution
- h. Sales of forged identity documents

- i. Economic crimes (e.g. credit card theft, forged checks, mortgage fraud)
- j. Pornography
- k. Other _____

Intelligence

21. Does your department/unit track ‘gang-related’ or ‘gang-motivated’ incidents, offenses, and/or arrests?

Yes → *If yes, please supply the total number of ‘gang-related’ and/or ‘gang-motivated’ arrests in each of the following categories over the most recent 12 month period available (please check the box(es) to indicate whether the counts refer to arrests that are gang-related, gang-motivated, or both)*

		<u>related</u>	<u>motivated</u>
A. Homicide	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Other Violent Offenses	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Property Offense	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D. Narcotics	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E. Economic Crimes	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
F. Misdemeanors	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(not included in above categories)			

No

22. Does your unit monitor gang graffiti?

- Yes
- No

23. Does your gang unit track individual gang members?

- Yes
- No

If yes, how is the done? *Mark (X) all that apply*

- Paper system
- Computerized system

Which computer system(s) do you use:

- Gangnet
- Rissnet
- VGTOF
- GRIP
- CalGangs

- System created within the department
- Other: _____

24. Does anyone routinely audit your gang databases to remove:

Yes No

- A. Deceased members
- B. Incarcerated members
- C. Inactive members

25. Does your gang unit employ any of the following technologies as part of gang investigations

Yes No

- A. Monitoring internet sites (eg. MySpace)
- B. Closed circuit cameras located in gang neighborhood
- C. GPS tracking devices
- D. Crime analysis software (eg. Linkage analysis, GIS)
- E. Electronic listening devices
- F. Other: _____

26A. The following relates to your sharing of ***criminal intelligence information*** gathered by the gang unit. *Mark (X) any boxes that apply.*

Group	Receive requests from this group	Provide periodic reports without a specific request	Provide general training on gang issues to this group	Do not provide any information
a. Command staff within my department	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Other units/bureaus within my department	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Neighboring law enforcement agencies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Other criminal justice agencies (e.g. courts, prosecutors)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

26B. The following relates to your sharing of **non-intelligence information** gathered by the gang unit. *Mark (X) any boxes that apply.*

Group	Receive requests from this group	Provide periodic reports without a specific request	Provide general training on gang issues to this group	Do not provide any information
a. Command staff within my department	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Other units/bureaus within my department	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Neighboring law enforcement agencies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Other criminal justice agencies (e.g. courts, prosecutors)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Non-criminal justice agencies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Media outlets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The general public	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

27. How much of your gang unit activity is spent on investigating the following types of crimes. *Mark (X) one box for each crime type.*

	<u>None</u>	<u><25%</u>	<u>26-50%</u>	<u>51-75%</u>	<u>>76%</u>
A. Serious violent felonies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Economic crimes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Prostitution	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D. Narcotics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E. Graffiti	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
F. Immigration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

28. Does your gang unit **submit** records to the NCIC Violent Gang and Terrorist Organization File (VGTOF)?

- Yes → *If yes, enter the number of submissions during the past month:* _____
- No

29. Does your gang unit **run queries** on the NCIC Violent Gang and Terrorist Organization File (VGTOF)?

- Yes → *If yes, enter the number of queries during the past month: _____*
 No

Prevention/Intervention

30. Does your gang unit, as part of its official responsibility, participate in formalized programs aimed at preventing youth involvement in gangs? This does not include on-the-street contacts aimed at preventing gang involvement.

- Yes → *If yes, do you include ex-gang members in your prevention programs.*
 Yes
 No
 No

31. Does your gang unit participate in the following activities.

- | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | A. Prevention activities with youth not involved in gangs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | B. Prevention activities with gang-involved youth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | C. Instructing G.R.E.A.T. or other gang prevention programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | D. Providing gang prevention literature to community members, families, youth, etc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | E. Prevention activities with faith-based organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | F. Other: _____ |