

**EV 10 Quality of Life  
Session 22- Criminal Activity  
LD #38- Gang Awareness**

**Date:** 11/20/2019

**Course Goal:** To teach recruit officers how to identify and document gang related criminal activity.

**Learning Objectives:**

- State statutory requirements for designating a group as a criminal street gang [38.I.A]
- Describe safety considerations for peace officers who encounter known or suspected members of criminal gangs [38.I.B]
- Describe indicators of gang territory and communications, including: Graffiti [38.I.C.1], Violent crime [38.I.C.2], Active gang members [38.I.C.3], Tattoos [38.I.C.4], Neighborhoods [38.I.C.5]
- Describe identifying characteristics and crime trends associated with criminal street gangs [38.II.A]
- Describe identifying characteristics and crime trends associated with organized crime gangs including: Motorcycle gangs [38.III.A.1], Prison gangs [38.III.A.2]
- The student will participate in a learning activity that will reinforce knowledge of local/regional gang dynamics including recent crime trends. [38.V.1-7] Topics must include:
  1. Categories of gangs (e.g., street gangs, organized crime gangs, outlaw motorcycle gangs and prison gangs)
  2. Types of street gangs (e.g., Hispanic, white, black, Asian, multi-racial)
  3. Reasons for gang membership
  4. Characteristics common to most gangs
  5. Common criminal activities
  6. Suppression, investigation, enforcement and prosecution tactics and techniques
  7. Officer safety techniques and personal character in gang-related contacts, detentions and arrests

**Session Time:** 2 hours

<p><b>Resources:</b> Power Point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classroom with tables</li> <li>• White board</li> <li>• Dry-erase markers</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Session Summary:</b> The recruit officer will properly identify a gang member, know the different types of street gangs, and have a basic understanding of prison and motorcycle gangs.</li> </ul>	
Outline	Instructor Notes
<p>I. Gang dynamics [38.I.A]          A. Indicators of gang territory and communications            1. Definition of a criminal street gang              a. Group of three or more persons</p>	<p>What is the definition of a gang?           What types of gangs do we have?</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. Have a common name, identifying sign, or symbol</li> <li>c. Have, as one of its primary activities, committed one or more specified criminal acts</li> <li>d. Penal code 186.22(f)</li> <li>2. Special order #3             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Indicators of gang membership <b>[38.I.C.3]</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Admits being a gang member in a non-custodial situation</li> <li>2) A reliable informant or source identified the individual as a gang member</li> <li>3) An untested informant or source, with corroboration, identified the individual as a gang member</li> <li>4) Wearing gang attire                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Colors</li> <li>b) Brands</li> <li>c) Bandanas/hats/head covering</li> <li>d) Jackets/vests/pants</li> <li>e) Shoes</li> </ul> </li> <li>5) Seen displaying gang hand signs or symbols</li> <li>6) Has gang tattoos</li> <li>7) Frequents gang areas/neighborhoods</li> <li>8) Openly associates with documented gang members</li> <li>9) Was arrested, alone or with known gang members, for a crime consistent with gang activity</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Must have at least 2 indicators</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Gang association             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Common gang-controlled locations                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Hangouts                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) More commonly associated with Asian gangs</li> <li>b) Cafes</li> <li>c) Clubhouses</li> <li>d) Nightclubs</li> </ul> </li> <li>2) Territory <b>[38.I.C.5]</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) More commonly associated with Hispanic and black gangs</li> <li>b) Restaurants</li> <li>c) Parks</li> <li>d) Street corners and neighborhoods</li> <li>e) Member residences</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>What are their primary activities?</p> <p>What is LAPD policy in identifying someone as a gang member?</p> <p>What legal factors/indicators can we use to document someone is a gang member?</p> <p>What are some common hangouts/areas where gang members congregate?</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3) Trench coats</li> <li>b. May be concealed in vehicles             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) False compartments</li> <li>2) Air bag compartments</li> <li>3) The glove compartments</li> <li>4) Within air ducts</li> <li>5) Under the seats</li> <li>6) In engine compartment</li> <li>7) Under fenders</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Gang tactics             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Sophisticated tactics and organization</li> <li>b. Scanners used to listen to law enforcement</li> <li>c. Gang surveillance vehicles used to track law enforcement activity</li> <li>d. Information used to lure officers into an ambush                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Prompting a pursuit</li> <li>2) Leading officers into gang-controlled areas</li> </ul> </li> <li>e. Often wear personal body armor practice defensive measures                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Gun take-aways</li> <li>2) Escaping control holds</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>II. Criminal gangs             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Hispanic                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Examples                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 18<sup>th</sup> street</li> <li>b. Mara salvatrucha</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Characteristics                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Developed among protective groups in east Los Angeles</li> <li>b. Not structured like white and Asian gangs</li> <li>c. Factors influencing seniority                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Generational – family influence</li> <li>2) Time in gang</li> <li>3) Level of violence the individual is willing to engage in</li> </ul> </li> <li>d. Clothing                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Oversized baggy khaki pants</li> <li>2) Wool shirts and/or white crew neck/muscle T-shirts</li> <li>3) Belt buckles</li> <li>4) Red – Northern California</li> <li>5) Blue – Southern California</li> </ul> </li> <li>e. Hair                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Shaved heads</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>What are some of the counter tactics that gang members use against Law Enforcement?</p> <p>Can you name the biggest Hispanic gangs?</p> <p>Can you identify the characteristics of Hispanic gangs?</p> <p>Can you list the differences between The Mexican Mafia and Nuestra Familia?</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. Dark colored jeans</li> <li>d. Suspenders</li> <li>e. Steel-toed boots</li> <li>f. Nazi emblems</li> <li>g. White or red to indicate racist Skinhead</li> <li>4. Tattoos <b>[38.I.C.4]</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Nazi swastikas or SS</li> <li>b. Lightning bolts</li> <li>c. Iron crosses</li> <li>d. "White power"</li> </ul> </li> <li>5. Crime trends (38.II.A) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Hate crimes rather than for economic gain</li> <li>b. Commonly directed against minority groups, gay and lesbian, and religious organizations</li> <li>c. Types of crimes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Assaults</li> <li>2) Bombings</li> <li>3) Drug trafficking</li> <li>4) Robbery</li> <li>5) Producing and distributing racist hate material</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>E. Outlaw motorcycle gangs <b>[38.III.A.1]</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Examples <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Hells angels</li> <li>b. Outlaws</li> <li>c. Mongols</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Characteristics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Patches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Usually worn on the back of the denim or leather vest or jacket</li> <li>2) Include a top and bottom rocker</li> <li>3) Center gang insignia</li> <li>4) Patch designates position</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Tattoos <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) May be required to have a tattoo designating the gang affiliation</li> <li>2) Often have a 1% incorporated into their markings</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Crime trends <b>[38.II.A]</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Drug trafficking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Cocaine</li> <li>2) Marijuana</li> <li>3) Methamphetamine</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Pornography</li> <li>c. Prostitution</li> <li>d. Strip clubs</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>What are the differences between Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs than other Gangs?</p> <p>Is a Patch important to a OMG gang member?</p> <p>Do OMG's commit similar crimes than other gang members?</p> <p>How many Prison gangs do we have?</p> <p>How are Prison gangs different than Street Gangs?</p>
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<p>F. Prison gangs [38.III.A.2]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Examples<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Mexican mafia</li><li>b. Nuestra-Familia</li><li>c. Black guerilla family</li><li>d. Aryan brotherhood</li></ol></li><li>2. Characteristics<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Organize and direct illegal activity from prisons</li><li>b. Categorized based on race</li><li>c. Street gangs pay taxes</li></ol></li><li>3. Crime trends<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Contract killings</li><li>b. Extortion</li><li>c. Narcotics trafficking</li><li>d. Robberies</li><li>e. Protection</li><li>f. Directing street gang members to commit criminal acts</li><li>g. Victim/witness intimidation</li></ol></li></ol>	
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**Learning Activity #1  
[LD38.V.1-7]**

Purpose: Students will participate in a learning activity that reinforces knowledge of local/regional gang dynamics including recent crime trends. The topics must include:

1. Categories of gangs (e.g. Street gangs, organized crime gangs, outlaw motorcycle gangs and prison gangs.)
2. Types of street gangs (e.g. Hispanic, white, black, Asian, multi-racial)
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Description: The Instructor will begin the activity by explaining the purpose and expectations. The students will be assigned to work as a group at their designated tables. The Instructor will provide the students with the Handout of special order # 3. Remind the groups they need to assign a scribe to document their findings as well as a spokesman to present and share their findings to the class. Assign each group one of the following activities:

- Group One:** The students will identify the State statutory requirements for designating a group as a street gang and the Department criteria to determine gang affiliation.
- Group Two:** Students will identify and describe safety considerations for Police Officers who encounter known or suspected members of a criminal gangs and common criminal activities they may encounter associated with gang members.
- Group Three:** Discuss and come up with a list of reasons why Individuals join a gang.
- Group Four:** Describe the History and characteristics of a Hispanic Gang.
- Group Five:** Describe the History and characteristics of a Black Gang.
- Group Six:** Describe the History and characteristics of an Outlaw Motorcycle Gang.
- Group Seven:** Describe the History and characteristics of a Prison Gang.