



Basic Gang Awareness

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Course Outline

- **Basic Gang Awareness (Module I)**
 - Gang Laws
 - Gang Terminology, Sociology, and Culture
 - History of street gangs
- **Gangs in Washington State (Module II)**
 - Los Angeles Gang Culture
 - **Sureño** vs. **Norteño** (Hispanic gangs)
 - **Crip** vs. **Blood** (Black gangs)
 - Chicago Gang Culture
 - **Folk Nation** vs. **Peoples Nation**
 - Other Gangs
 - Asian gangs
 - Juggalos & Jugalettes
 - White Power gangs
 - Hybrid gangs

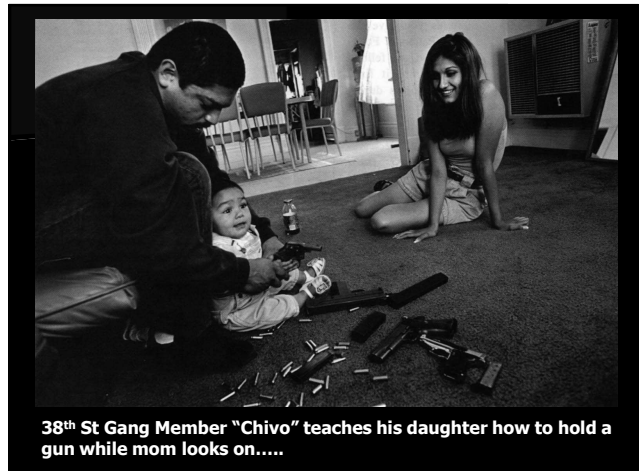
Performance Objectives

- Upon completion of this unit of instruction, the student will be able to:
 - Recognize the major identifying symbols of the major criminal street gangs located throughout Washington State, from memory, as discussed in the class.
 - Properly document gang activity and gang affiliation, from memory and provided handouts, as shown in the class.

Course Outline

- **Identifying a Gang Member (Module III)**
 - Clothing
 - Tattoos
 - Monikers
 - Handsigns
- **Dealing with Gang Members (Module IV)**
 - Officer Safety techniques and tactics
 - Gang Enforcement tactics
 - Proper Documentation
 - Gang Investigations
 - Gang Graffiti (time-permitting)

When I say "Gangs"....





Perception vs. Reality
Reality is different
Gangs **DO NOT** discriminate based on:

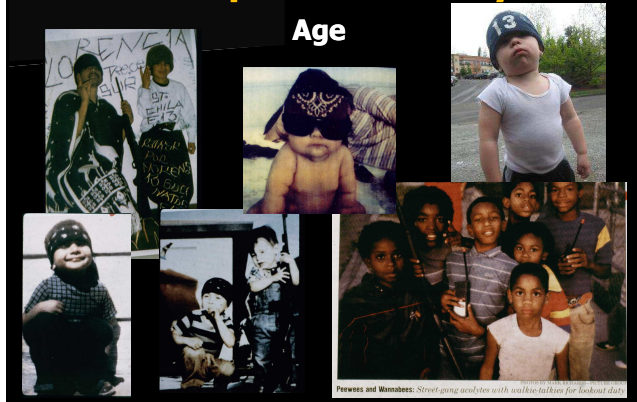
Perception vs. Reality

Race



Perception vs. Reality

Age



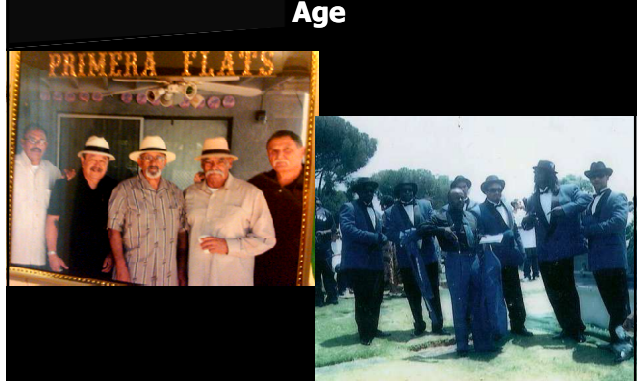
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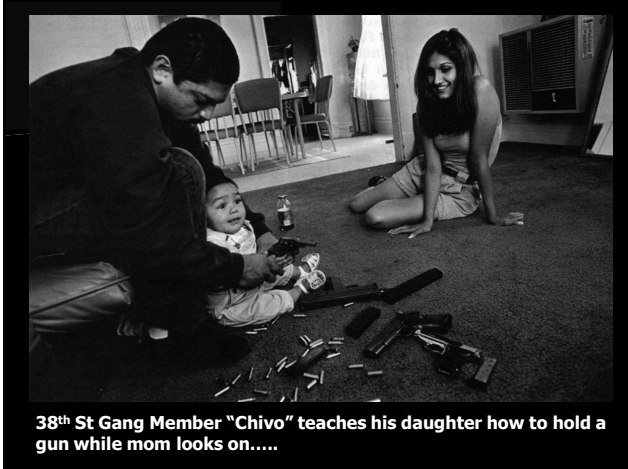
Gender



Perception vs. Reality

Age





38th St Gang Member "Chivo" teaches his daughter how to hold a gun while mom looks on.....

RCW 9.94A.030 (12)

- Criminal Street Gang is defined as:
 - Any ongoing organization, association, or group of three or more people, whether formal or informal;
 - Who have a common name, or a common identifying sign or symbol;
 - Who have as their primary activity the commission of criminal acts;
 - And whose members or associates engage in or have engaged in a pattern of criminal street gang activity.



RCW 9.94A.030 (13) and (14)

- Criminal Street Gang Member or Associate is defined as:
 - any person who actively participates in any criminal street gang and who intentionally promotes, furthers, or assists in any criminal act by the criminal street gang.
- Criminal Street Gang Offense is defined as:
 - any felony or misdemeanor offense, whether in this state or elsewhere, that is committed for the benefit of, at the direction of, or in association with any criminal street gang, or is committed with the intent to promote, further, or assist in any criminal conduct by the gang

RCW 9.94A.030 (36)

■ Pattern of Criminal Street Gang Activity is defined as:

- The commission, attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation of, or any prior juvenile adjudication of or adult conviction of, two or more of the following criminal street gang-related offenses:

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| ■ Homicide | ■ Malicious Harassment | ■ Arson |
| ■ Assault w/ deadly weapons | ■ Human Trafficking | ■ Counterfeiting |
| – Drive-By Shootings | ■ Criminal Gang Intimidation | ■ Prostitution |
| – Shooting into dwellings | ■ Possession Stolen Property | ■ Gambling |
| ■ Assault | ■ Kidnapping | ■ Coercion |
| ■ Robbery | ■ Malicious Mischief | ■ Extortion |
| ■ Narcotics Sales | ■ Witness Intimidation | ■ Reckless Endangerment |
| ■ Carjacking | ■ Witness Tampering | |
| ■ Auto Theft | ■ VUFA | |
| ■ Burglary (Com & Res) | ■ Threats / Harassment | |
| ■ Rape | ■ Identity Theft | |

Basic Gang Terminology

- Gang
 - The primary group (Sureño, Blood, Folk, etc.)
- Set/Clique/Hood
 - The sub-group of gang (Rollin 60s, Southside Locos, etc)
- Prison Gang
 - Any gang that was initially formed inside prison walls
- Defunct Gang
 - A gang that has no active members and no longer exists
- Dormant Gang
 - A gang that has active members, but does not actively engage in *felonious* criminal activity for whatever reasons

RCW 9.94A.535 (3)

■ Departures From Sentencing Guidelines:

- The court may impose a sentence outside the standard range for an offense if:

- (s) The defendant committed the offense to obtain or maintain his or her membership or to advance his or her position in the hierarchy of an organization, association, or identifiable group.
- (aa) The defendant committed the offense with the intent to directly or indirectly cause any benefit, aggrandizement, gain, profit, or other advantage to or for a criminal street gang as defined in RCW 9.94A.030, its reputation, influence, or membership.

Respect & Reputation

- Most gang cultures are based around the ideas of respect and reputation, both of the individual gang member and the gang as a whole.
- Respect = Fear
- Create fear through
 - Violent Acts
 - Graffiti
 - Intimidating community members
- This fear allows the gang or gang member to:
 - Recruit younger members
 - Control the neighborhood
 - Dissuade the community from helping police
 - Increase status and reputation within the gang

During the debriefing interview of Mexican Mafia prison gang member Rene "Boxer" Enriquez, the interviewing detective asked,

"What is a useful tactic for patrol officers dealing with a gang member?"



"I would think for patrol officers... Treating them with respect. The basic fundamental premise in the Hispanic gang subculture is respect and the perception of respect is everything. To disrespect him is to cross the line, which necessitates a response."

How do you Join a Gang?

- Jumped-In / Rushed-In / Rolled-In / Lined-In
 - Circle
 - Gauntlet
- Crime-In / Put In Work
- Sponsored-In / Vouched-In
- Walked-In
- Courted-In
- Sexed-In
- Blessed-In



Types of Gang Members

- **Members**
 - Hardcore members
 - Lifers, Veteranos, OGs
 - Active members
- **Associates**
 - Hangarounds (Wanna-be's)
 - Prospective Members

United States Gang History

- **1st known US street gang formed in the early 1820s.**
 - Founded by Irish thug Edward Coleman, this gang:
 - Was named the "Forty Thieves"
 - Claimed territory (the 5 Points) and controlled all criminal activity within that territory.
 - Had sub-sets (the Little Forty Thieves)
 - Other gangs began to form (i.e. the "Dead Rabbits" the Bowery Boys, and the "Roach Guards"), and gang wars began over control of territory.
 - The need to combat organized criminal street gangs directly led to the need for an organized police force.....

NYPD, the 1st Police Dept in the US, forms on May 13, 1845 *directly in response to gang warfare!*



Hispanic Gang History (CA)

■ Hispanic Gangs

- Can be traced back to the Treaty of Guadalupe Hildago in 1848 and the Mexican-American War.
- First (known) Hispanic street gang forms in 1910, known as Alpine Street.
- The oldest still-existing Hispanic street gang appeared approx. 1911, with the formation of White Fence.
- Maravilla gangs formed in the early 1940s, and are the foundation of the modern Sureño street gangs (13).

Hispanic Gang History (CA)

- **1956/57:** The Mexican Mafia (**La Eme**) forms at Deuel Vocational Institute in Tracy, CA.
 - Formed by 3 East LA gang members for protection from other races.
 - Initially formed for all Mexicans, to be the "gang of gangs"
 - Members were supposed to put away all street rivalries and ally together while in custody.
 - Started associating with the number 13 (13th letter of the alphabet - **M**exican **M**afia)



Hispanic Gang History (CA)

■ August 1942- Sleepy Lagoon Murder Case

- LAPD arrests 24 38th St members, and convicts 17 in a show trial
- Conviction is overturned in 1944; the gang members return to the community as heroes.



■ June 1943- Zoot Suit Riots

- 7 days long, US servicemen vs. Pachucos



Hispanic Gang History (CA)

■ 1968: The Nuestra Familia forms at San Quentin State Prison for protection from the Mexican Mafia.

- Southern Mexicans (those from So Cal) were preying on their less sophisticated brothers from Northern California, whom they perceived as "wetbacks" and "farmers".
- Members begin to affiliate the symbol of the United Farm Workers.



- Also started associating with the number 14 (14th letter of the alphabet- **N**uestra Familia)

Hispanic Gang History

- **1981:** California splits into North and South, with the dividing line roughly at Bakersfield.
 - The line has now been pushed north to Fresno by the Sureños
- Eme and NF claim colors, Hispanic gangs follow suit.
- **1984:** Mara Salvatrucha forms in Los Angeles.
- **1994:** La Eme asks MS to become Sureño due to their strength on the street, and MS becomes MS-13.



Black Gang History (CA)

- **1969:** Raymond Washington is pushed out of a leadership role in the Avenues, and started his own gang, called the "Baby Avenues" aka the "Baby Cribs"



- **1971:** Washington recruits Stanley "Tookie" Williams; he later forms the first subset – Westside Cribs.



Black Gang History (CA)

- **Black Gangs**
 - Earliest black gangs form in Los Angeles in the 1920s
 - Formed for protection from others, some started as sports teams or youth groups
 - Names like:
 - Slausons, Outlaws, Businessmen, Bishops, Ace Deuces, **Brims, Swans, Pirus, Hoover Groovers**, etc.
- **1965:** The two largest gangs, the Slausons and the Gladiators, join together during the riots to fight the police and the National Guard.

Black Gang History (CA)

- Crip gangs rapidly expanded in territory and membership, forcing other gangs to join them or become enemies.
- In the early 1970s, a coalition of "non-Crip" gangs started to form,
 - Bounty Hunters, Brims, Swans, Pirus, Denver Lanes, etc.
- Sometime around 1973, they started uniting under the name "Bloods."
- Because their rivals had already taken the color blue, the Bloods took the only other color available in the CA prison systems – red.



Black Gang History (CA)

- **1980s:** Crack Cocaine hits, and non-aligned gangs are forced to ally in order to stay alive.
- **1988:** Colors. Overnight, Crips and Bloods appeared across the USA.



- Present day: Crips and Bloods are no longer racially specific, and there are literally thousands of separate, distinct sets throughout the USA.

Washington Gang History

- **Mid-1970s:** A number of youth groups, party crews, and "political" organizations begin to form, which eventually morph into criminal street gangs.
- **Late 1970s:** Nuestra Familia and Norteño gangs relocate to the Yakima area.
- **Late 1970s/Early 1980s:** Hispanic gangs begin to form in the Seattle area. Many will later morph into Sureño street gangs.
 - 1975: Vatos Locos Party Crew
 - 1979: Chicanos in Action
 - 1981: Southside Locos
 - 1984/1985: Varrio Locos
- **1985:** Hispanic gangs begin to move into Eastern Washington from LA and Seattle.



Black Gang History (CHI)

- Early 1950s: numerous social groups and sports teams begin to evolve into street gangs.
- **1968/69:** King David Barksdale of the Black Disciples and King Larry Hoover of the Supreme Gangsters unite their gangs, calling it the **Black Gangster Disciple Nation**.
- **1973:** King David is killed; King Hoover takes over the BGDN.
- **1980s:** With most of the gang leadership in prison, gang alliances formed in the IL prison system for protection and power.
 - The Peoples Nation
 - The Folk Nation



Washington Gang History

- **1986:** Los Angeles-area Blood and Crip gang members begin moving into Seattle, Tacoma, and Spokane in order to set up new crack cocaine distribution pipelines. They begin recruiting local teens into their gangs.

Seattle	Tacoma	Spokane
92 Hoover Crip (1986)	Watergate Crip (1986)	Elm St Piru (1986)
Rollin' 60s Crip (1986)	Rollin' 60s Crip (1987)	Rollin' 60s Crip (1987)
Elm Street Piru (1986)	Palmer Blocc Crip (1987)	
Santana Blocc Crip (1986)	Eastside Piru (1987)	
Lime Hood Piru (1986)	Inglewood Family Blood (1987)	
74 Hoover Crip (1987)		

- **1987/88:** As established Seattle gangs begin to resist the Crip/Blood invasion, they adopt Chicago gang identifiers.
 - Cold Crush Crew becomes **Down With the Crew BGD**
 - Just Us Niggers/Just 2 Crush combine to become **Union St BGD**
 - Out Seeking Crime becomes **Deuce 8 BGD**

Washington Gang History

- **1988:** a group of Tacoma kids recruited by Los Angeles Crip members decided to form their own gang, naming it the **23rd St Hilltop Crip Gang**
- **1989:** Hilltop Crips and US Army Rangers get into a shootout in a residential neighborhood, bring the national spotlight to Puget Sound gang problems.



RUSS CARRACK/THE NEWS TRIBUNE FILE 1989 - is a photo that ran in The News Tribune in September 1989. Hilltop Crips hold their hands for police after shooting down South End street in Tacoma's setting gang culture.

Washington Gang History

- **1996:** Mara Salvatrucha establishes a presence in Seattle/King County, later expanding to other parts of the state.
- **1998:** Gang war erupts between Mara Salvatrucha and other Seattle-area Sureño gangs, ending in 2004.
- **Summer 1998:** 74 Hoovers and Elm St Piru go to war over control of the narcotics trade in the downtown corridor. The war ends in 2003. As a result of this war:
 - Most Seattle-area gangs split into "Central District" or "South End";
 - A number of new local gangs form, many from the ranks of Hoovers and Elms;
 - The Central District BGDs and Bloods allied together, and the South End GDs and Crips allied together, leading directly to our current CD vs South End war.
 - **CD Gangs now associate with red & black**

