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# Gangs and Gang Violence

A Regional Perspective

2005

# WHAT ARE THEY?

Agency definitions:

Criminal Street Gang:

1. 3 or more subjects
2. Common symbol or leadership
3. Gather together to commit crimes or a continuing criminal enterprise.

# Who are They?

Subjects classified as gang members:

1. Self admission.
2. A reliable informant of previously tested credibility confirms membership.
3. An untested informant along with a second corroborated source of information.
4. Confirmed law enforcement sources.

# Profile of A Gang Member

- Ages 9 – 40
- 50% Hispanic
- 30% African-American
- 10% Caucasian
- 10% Asian and others
- 8 Active street gangs in Gaithersburg area with approx. 250 members.

\*- Reported to National Youth Gang Center  
Bureau of Justice Assistance-2004 Survey

# Active Major Gangs in Wash DC Metro Area

- MS-13 (Mara Salvatrucha) est. 3000 members
- Vatos Locos- est. 100-150 members
- Tiny Rascal Gangsters (TRG) – est. 100 members
- Street Thug Criminals (STC) – est. 200 members
- Dragon Family (DF) – est. 50-75 members
- United Blood Nation (UBN) - est. 100 members
- 1-5 Amigos – est. 50-75 members
- South Side Locos (SSL)- est. 300-350 members

# Additional Local Crews/Cliques

- 124 Crew
- 187 Crew
- Langley Park Crew (LPC)
- West Side Mob
- Latin Mafia
- 18<sup>th</sup> Street
- La Raza
- Park Terrace Mob
- Korean Pride (KP)
- Asian Boyz (AB)
- Latin Devils
- Mara Loca
- Palmer Park Crew
- Rollin 60's Crips
- Southside Locos
- Lil Crew/Latin Crew
- La Mara Li
- Latin Homies
- 24 Mob
- C-Hill Crew
- Born to Kill (BTK)
- Sangre Pura

# Gaithersburg Gangs

- MS-13 (currently 4 active cliques)
  - WDLS (West Deer Locos Salvatrucha)
  - PVLS (Langley Park clique)
  - HLS (Hollywood Locos Salvatrucha)
  - 124 Clique (formerly members of CLCS)

Assorted other clique members from the Metro area have been identified and documented.

# Gaithersburg Gangs

- South Side Locos Set (West Deer Park and Londonderry areas)
- 18<sup>th</sup> Street (N. Summit Avenue and Lost Knife Road areas)
- West Side Mob (West Side Drive Area)
- Sangre Pura (Quince Orchard/Clopper areas)
- 124 Crew (Olde Towne/Street areas)
- MV Mob (Montgomery Village Mob members living in and around School Drive area)

# Montgomery County

- Gangs and gang members identified in all public high schools.
- Intelligence reports 72 different gangs and crews with approx. 1800 known gang members. (2003 Report).
- 22 different gangs, 550 members county wide (2005 Report) – 8 active gangs.
- MS-13 is the largest and reports have identified 14 different cliques.

# Prince George's County

- MS-13 is dominate gang in and around Langley Park area.
- Local African-American crews still active in older established neighborhoods.
- STC and Vatos Locos have been active in Langley Park and Hyattsville.
- SLSW and LPS cliques have largest membership; threats made on police.

# Howard County

- MS-13 graffiti and members frequent parks in Eastern/Southern part of county.
- MS-13 recruiting video seized at a Laurel flea market.
- Recent homicide had gang ties to New York area.
- Local crews and gangs in Columbia and Ellicott City.
- Asian gangs involved in home invasion robberies and prostitution in the county.

# Western Maryland

- Hagerstown PD reports gang violence on the increase.
- UBN (United Blood Nation) is largest in the area.
- New Crip Set has formed.
- Assaults on police on the rise.
- Drug and prostitution arrests on the rise and tied directly to the street gangs.
- Gangs found in Frederick and as far west as Allegheny County.

# Eastern Shore

- Problems with Outlaw Biker Gangs continue.
- Hells Angels have moved into Southern Maryland and disputes and shootings have erupted with rival Pagans Club.
- MS-13 members identified and meeting in Ocean City.

# Maryland Parks

- MNCPPC Police in Montgomery and Prince George's seeing increase in gang members frequenting parks.
- Graffiti and vandalisms on the rise.
- Gang leadership holding meetings in parks away from public and police view.
- Western Maryland DNR Police reporting gang members in large numbers during summer season.

# Maryland Department of Corrections

- Tracking approx. 132 Security Threat Groups (STG's).
- Influx of out of state inmates being housed have brought national gangs to area.
- Prison gangs have spilled out into the surrounding communities.
- Increase in STG's distributing narcotics and use of outside assistance; organization and activity continues upon release.

# Northern Virginia

- MS-13 dominate in Fairfax, Loudon, Arlington and Alexandria.
- Largest population of members on East Coast.
- Disputes continue with SSL.
- Asian gangs frequent Falls Church.
- Rollin 60's Crips in Prince William and Fairfax
- Gang recruitment reported at Middle and Elementary Schools in area.

# Gangs in Schools

- Located in most High Schools in the region
- Recruitment is mainly done at High School levels but have reached down to the Middle School level as well.
- Former student/gang members frequent the schools at lunch hours, and before and after to recruit, sell drugs, fight, etc.
- Gang members may control areas in and around schools, bus stops, parking lots, and neighborhood streets that students use as access.

# Jurisdictional Considerations

- Gang members crossing jurisdiction lines daily.
- Virginia and the District of Columbia gang members traveling in and out of Maryland.
- “Commuter Gangsters” – live in suburbs and commute to other areas in Wash DC region to commit gang related crime.
- Immigration and document fraud issues abound; increased assistance from ICE Agents. (Operation Community Shield).

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