Things that make you go hmm...

SEEING THE UNSEEN IN RELATION TO GANGS AND CRIME IN SCHOOLS
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— German Field Marshall Erwin Rommel
Objectives

- Idaho & U.S. Law Used to Combat Crime & Gangs
- Gang Trends & Characteristics
- Risks of Gang Membership
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Idaho & U.S. Law Used to Combat Crime & Gangs
Idaho Gang Enforcement Act

- (§ 18-8501) Idaho Gang Enforcement Act
- (§ 18-8502) Definition of a Gang and Gang Member
- (§ 18-8503) Extended Sentences for Gang Crimes
- (§ 18-8504) Recruiting of Criminal Gang Members a Felony
- (§ 18-8505) Supplying Firearms to a Criminal Gang a Felony
- (§ 18-8506) Penalties for Violation
Definition of a Gang

- Ongoing organization, association, or group
- Three (3) or more persons,
- Common name or common identifying sign or symbol,
- Whose members individually or collectively engage in in a pattern of criminal gang activity.
Criminal Gang Member Definition

- Engages in criminal gang activity, and;
- Meets two (2) or more criteria:
  - Admits to membership
  - Is identified as a member
  - Frequent area a gang's area
  - Adopts its style of dress,
  - Uses its hand signs,
  - Wears its tattoos
  - Associates with known members
  - Been arrested more than once with known gang members
  - Identified by physical evidence (photographs or documentation)
  - Stopped with known gang members four (4) or more times.
Terry v. Ohio (1968)
  - Stop and Frisk (Reasonable Suspicion Officer Safety)
New Jersey v. T.L.O (1985)
  - Warrantless Searches Reasonable Suspicion a school violation has occurred
  - Drug Testing for School Sports
U.S. v. Knights (2001)
  - Probation & Parole Search
Gang Trends & Characteristics
National Gang Trends

- 1 million gang members
- 20,000 gangs
- Active in all 50 states.
- Commit 80% of the crime in many communities
- Migrating from urban to rural communities

(Source: 2009 National Gang Threat Assessment, published by the National Gang Intelligence Center)
Idaho Gang Members Under IDOC Supervision

- Sureño: 798
- Norteño: 331
- Crips: 163
- Bloods: 53
- Folks Nation: 37
- People Nation: 27
- Aryan: 513
- Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs: 36
- Other: 231
- Total: 2,189

9.2% of our offenders are gang members

(7,338 in Prison and 16,097 on Probation/Parole)
Reasons for Gang Membership

- Poor sense of family
- Poor self esteem
- Fear/Protection
- Poverty
- Boredom
- Family tradition
- Choice
Who’s at Risk of Joining

- Every
  - Sex
  - Race
  - Ethnic Group
  - Socioeconomic Group

Gangs are no longer a racial issue; THEY ARE A CRIME ISSUE!
Gang members may be any age.
Gang membership is for life.
Most people remain involved in criminal gang activity for less than three years before they try to back off.
In Idaho the typical age range for an active gang member is 14 - 25.
Joining a Gang

Rupert, Idaho 2014 Norteno v. Sureno

Jump In

Sex In

Putting in Work

Generational
The Gangster Attitude (3 R’s)

- Respect
  - Their power over others is based on this.
  - If you don’t fear me...you don’t respect me.
  - The more I make you fear me...the more I can force you to respect me.
  - The more violent I am...the more respect I get.

- Reputation
  - The leaders are usually the most respected (feared) gang members.
  - Obtained through acts of
    - Violence.
    - Courage
    - Loyalty

- Retaliation
  - Disrespect cannot be allowed... it must be addressed... no matter how small or how long it takes.
Levels of Gang Membership

- **Hard Core** (Decision Makers)
  - Leaders/Shot Callers (5%)
  - Veterans (15%)

- **Members** (Foot Soldiers)
  - Active Members (10%)
  - Probationary Members (10%)

- **Associates** (Wanna Be)
  - Non-Initiated Members (25%)

- **Target group** (Recruiting Pool)
  - Attracted to lifestyle (35%)
Gang Membership Risks
Risks of Gang Membership

- **Prison**
  - Sergio Villarreal
    - Known in SWIJDC
    - Moved to Texas
    - 4 years federal prison on weapons charges

- **Death**
  - Ichya Pennington
    - Known in SWIJDC
    - Life in prison for murder
    - Murdered 20 yr old Daniel Ramirez
Results of Gangs

- Property Damage & Theft
- Intimidation
- Violence
- Fraud
- Drug Traffic
- Computer Crimes
- Graffiti
- Weapons Trafficking
Gangs, Drugs, Money, Guns

76% of Drugs

Dab, Honey, Wax
U.S. Gang Related Crime

Gangs are major causes for drug distribution & violence within the U.S.

Idaho Student Statistics

- 28% Used some type of Controlled Substance
- 21% Solicited to Purchase Controlled Substances
- 16% Controlled Substance in Conjunction with Sex
- 6.7% Forced Sex

- 28% Carrying a weapon
- 6% Threatened with a weapon during school
- 23.2% Physical altercations
- 26% Bullied

IF IT DOESN’T LOOK RIGHT
IT USUALLY NOT RIGHT
It's our party we can do what we want
It's our party we can say what we want
It's our party we can love who we want
We can kiss who we want
We can screw who we want

[Verse 1]
Red cups and sweaty bodies everywhere
Hands in the air like we don’t care
Cause we came to have so much fun now
Bet somebody here might get some now
If you’re not ready to go home
Can I get a "hell no"?
Cause we gonna go all night
Till we see the sunlight, alright

[Pre-Hook]
So la-da-di-da-di we like to party
Dancing with Molly
Doing whatever we want
This is our house
This is our rules
And we can’t stop
And we won’t stop
Can’t you see it’s we who own the night?
Can’t you see it we who bout’ that life

[Hook]
And we can’t stop
And we won’t stop
We run things, things don’t run we
Don’t take nothing from nobody

It’s our party we can do what we want
It’s our party we can say what we want
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[Verse 2]
To my homegirls here with the big butt
Shaking it like we at a strip club

Remember only God can judge ya
Forget the haters, cause somebody loves ya
And everyone in line in the bathroom
Trying to get a line in the bathroom
We all so turnt up here
Getting turnt up yea yea

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[Bridge]
It’s our party we can do what we want to!
It’s our house we can love who we want to!
It’s our song we can sing if we want to!
It’s my mouth I can say what I want to
Yeah! Yeah! Yeah! Eh!

[Hook]
And we can’t stop
And we won’t stop
We run things, things don’t run we
Don’t take nothing from nobody
Migration & Recruitment
Gang Migration

- Unintentional
  - Family
  - Military
  - Job Opportunity

- Intentional
  - Criminal Enterprise
  - Drug Trade
  - Law Enforcement Pressure
  - Nomadic
Recruitment

- Entertainment
  - Music Industry
  - Movies
  - Sports
- Curiosity/ Glorification
- Military
- Family
Lil Wayne
2014
AMA
Gang Identifiers
Gang Identifiers

- Specific hand signs
- Common style of dress
- Display specific colors and specific symbols in:
  - Tattoos
  - Graffiti
  - Drawings
- Appear in photos with known gang members.
  - Passport Photo
  - Prospect Photo
Silent Brothers OMC
Folk Black Gangster Disciple
Border Brothers
Ogden Trece Sureño

East Side Locos Sureño

Severely Violent Criminals Hybrid

Northsiders and Latin Kings

Triple 7 Swastika Variant
Graffiti & Tagging

- The newspaper of the street
- Identify members of a gang
- Identify the gang name or set
- Marking the territory
- Warning
- Disrespect other gangs
Hand Signs

SK = Sureño Killer
Norteño

N = Norteño

14 = Norteño

Crip Knowledge

5 Pointed Star
Latin King / Norteño

Latin King

North Side

Sureño MS-13

Eastside

West Side

Latin King / Norteño

Crip Love

Clown Love
(Juggalo)

Heart
Folk Nation

Trident/Pitchfork
Folk Nation

White Power

Neo-Nazi Salute

XIII - Brown Pride - 13
Sureño

MM = Mexican Mafia
Sureño

Blood

Bounty Hunter

Crip Love

Folk Nation
IDAHO GANGS & Other Groups of Influence
History of Idaho Hispanic Gangs
Hispanic Immigrants in the United States
1910-1925

Hispanic Immigrants to California
1930 The Great Depression

Zoot Suit Riot
1943 Los Angeles, California
Hispanic Gang Culture

- Male dominated, Machismo
- Loyalty to neighborhood and gang is priority one
- Police are the ENEMY!
- Usually fatalistic, superstitious and ritualistic
- Gangs are often generational and territorial
Mexican Mafia originated in 1957 at the Deuel Vocational Center in Tracy California.

Mexican Mafia is also known as La EME or “M”

Gang’s Number(s) is 13 because 13th letter of the alphabet is “M”

The Gang’s Color is BLUE

Criminal enterprise with significant ties to the Mexican drug cartels.
Nuestra Familia (Our Family) originated in 1965 in San Quentin, CA.
- Origins can be found in the Cesar Chavez movement.
- Created to protect Hispanics from the Mexican Mafia.
- Nuestra Familia is also known as “La ENE” which means “N”
- Gangs Number is 14 which represents the letter “N”
- Gangs Color is RED
- Three level military organizational structure.
First appeared during the late 1960’s in Los Angeles

Numbers used = 3, 3-3, 21, 2-11

Gang Color = Blue

Origin of the name “Crip” is disputed:

- Misspelling in a report about the “Cribs”.
- From the word Kryptonite.
- From “Tales from the Crypt”
- Members claim it means “Common Revolution in Progress”.

Crip Affiliated Gangs

Crip

Gang

From the cradle

to the grave

Slob Killa

From the crypt

RIP RIDE

Crip 4 Life

HALL DAC

ALL DAY

RIP RIDE
Crip Walk
Ice Cube
Blood gangs first appeared during the late 1960’s on Piru Street in Compton.

First called themselves “Pirus” and later “Bloods”

Frequently use Swahili word “Damu” meaning “Blood”

Numbers used = 2, 2-2, 3-11

Gang Color = Red
People Affiliated Gangs

- Formed during the 1950's and 1960's by inmates in mid-west prisons.
- Most People Nation gangs use the word "lords" or "stones" in their names. Gang Color = Red (Most)
- Latin Kings Colors = Yellow & Black or Red & Black (Depends on Lineage)
- Number used = 5
- They "gesture left"
Folk Affiliated Gangs

- First reported in 1978 in Stateville, Illinois
- Created for protection against the People gangs.
- Most Folk Nation gangs include the word “disciple” in their name.
- They have a close alliance with Sureño and Crip gang sets. The gangs number is 6
- The gangs primary color is Blue
- They “gesture right”
Hate Groups
Hybrid Gang

Characteristics

- Racially mixed
  - Individuals of different races joining specific traditionally raced gangs

- Gender

- Not turf oriented

- Mixed Characteristics
  - Black/Hispanic
  - Cross between East, Mid-West, and West gang characteristics
Other Groups

- They maintain independence from the major alliances.
- They serve as a bridge between rival gangs.
- Some are multi-racial Hybrid gangs loosely aligned with other larger gangs.
- Some are formed along racial lines.
- Some are formed by criminal family groups.
- They start off as small unorganized groups.
- To survive they tend to become very violent in order to get respect from the larger gangs.
- They are well known for carrying out contract hits for other groups.
- In prison they are heavily involved in extortion and are specialists in compromising staff.
Tagging Crews

- Graffiti is Art
- Generally Non-Violent
- Often Follow National Trends
- Nation Wide Movements
Sovereign Citizens
Memphis, Tennessee
Identifying Questions
Gang Identifying Questions

- Do you have any graffiti on or near your neighborhood, business district, or campus?
- Do you have crossed out graffiti on or near your neighborhood, business district, or campus?
- Do the youth in your community wear colors, jewelry, clothing, flash hand signals or display other behavior which may be gang related?
- Are drugs available in or near your community, business district, or campus?
Has there been a significant increase in the number of confrontations/stare downs within the past twelve months in or near your community or school?

Is there an increasing presence of weapons in your community?

Are beepers, pagers or cellular phones used by the youth in your community?

Have you had a drive-by shooting in or around your neighborhood?

Have you had a “show-by” display of weapons in or around your community or school?
Gang Identifying Questions

- Is the truancy rate in your community increasing?
- Is there a history of gangs in your community?
- Is there an increasing presence of “informal social groups” with unusual names?
Response
Scan

- what is the problem and how was it identified

Analysis

- problem analysis, what is root cause of the problem, tailor solutions to the problems

Response

- what are we going to do to impact the problem

Assessment

- how are we going to judge our response to the problem

SARA Method of Gang Response

U.S. Department of Justice Publication:
“Strategies to Address Gang Crime” by Scot H. Decker, Ph.D.
You must analyze the root cause of the problems so your solutions can be tailored to the carefully fit the problem.
Community involvement is essential.

Three levels of addressing the gang problem.

First level is family.
The second level is the community.
The third level is Law Enforcement.
The family aspect of addressing the gang problem is the most important.

Each family needs to instill good, solid values into their children.

Talk to them, and teach them the difference between right and wrong.

The family should not totally shelter their children.
Level II
The Community

- Denial
- Ignore
- Tolerate
Communities should take on the attitude of “zero tolerance”
Communities should organize neighborhood programs
Strive towards creating activities that will keep juveniles occupied
Dictate strict rules of conduct at civic events
Confirm that there is a gang problem
Take actions to curtail any current or potential gang problems
Proactively address the gang problem
Attitude of the police should be “zero tolerance”
It Takes Everyone Working Together
Reporting & Documentation
3 R’s of Graffiti

When encountering graffiti:

- REPORT
  - Inform those who know

- RECORD
  - Recording assists in tracking, intelligence, and education

- REMOVE
  - Removing informs gangs that the community will not be intimidated and helps eliminate growing tensions between gangs
Reporting

Important in Determining the Extent of Your Gang Problems:

- Do crimes involve gang activity?
- Locations where gangs are creating problems?
- Which gangs are present in your area?
- Type of people being victimized?
Obtain gang members real name if possible. If only their moniker is known list that in the report.

Questions about clothing:

- What clothing did the person have on? (color)
- What size was it (loose fitting or baggy)?
- How was the clothing worn (flagging left or right)?
- Were there logos displayed?
- Any accessories?
Information for Report Continued

- Tattoos
  - Color
  - Size
  - List any numbers
  - List any letters
  - Pictures, or symbols recognizable or not to the victim
Information for Report Continued

- Ask about any specific statements that were made by the suspect in reference to gang affiliation or possible gang affiliation.
Safety Concerns
DON’T LIMIT YOURSELF WHEN IT COMES TO GANG MEMBERS
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<td>Be aware of your surroundings</td>
<td>Presume ALL gang members are armed</td>
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<td>Watch for ambush points</td>
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<td>Watch your own home/family</td>
<td>Drugs= $; $= guns; guns= power; power= respect</td>
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• Gang members can be and are often violent people
• Some gangs are engaged in acts of domestic terrorism
• When you question gang members, you should talk to them individually
• Involve your communities
• It is your job as a teacher to educate and in some regards protect the children of your school
Remember the Writing is on the Wall!
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