

Hybrid Street Gangs, and Gang Expert Testimony;

Bringing your gang investigation into court

Course Outline

TITLE OF COURSE

Hybrid Street Gangs, and Gang Expert Testimony

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

See Instructors at RallyPointDefense.Net

HOURS: 8 or 16 Hour Class

COST

TBD

COURSE DATES

TBD

LOCATION

TBD

AUDIENCE and PREREQUISITES

Sworn Law Enforcement Officer, Employee of the State Department of Corrections, Employee of the Prosecuting / District Attorney's Office, and/or an employee of the County Adult and Juvenile Probation Department.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Every state has its own gang enhancement statute but it is sometimes never utilized to prosecute at the state level. The instructors of this course will show you how to take the evidence in your gang case, and apply it your state statute of an enhanced gang crime.

This course will show how the gang investigator's stored gang intelligence becomes useful in the court room. There are many steps the gang investigator and the prosecutor must go through to get all of the evidence related to the gang case, ready for a courtroom presentation.

Many cities struggle over how to classify a small group of violent criminals, that are committing crimes together, but are identifying themselves through a unique self-created street name, rather than a nationally recognized street gang name. The instructors will provide the gang investigator logical, and reasonable explanations to provide to department administration, judges, jurors, prosecutors, and community members, on how and why their local hybrid street gang is just as violent, and dangerous as a nationally recognized gang is in a larger city. At first sight, much of this cross cultural influence appears confusing to the gang investigator and appears too difficult to prove in a court room presentation to meet certain elements of the gang statute. This class will explain the command structure, membership requirements, and adopted or copied signs and symbols hybrid gangs will create. This will allow the gang investigator to prove to the Judge and Jury, the motive, means, and opportunity the hybrid gang had in order to commit the violent crime they were involved in.

This course not only provides step by step examples of how to testify as a gang expert in court, but will also provide key elements to start and maintain your own gang investigation unit. Not only does a gang investigation unit focus on locking up the most violent criminals in your city, but a gang unit is also responsible for some of your department's most important community relationships with the citizen's it protects. This course will show examples of how police interaction with friends and family members of gang members and their neighborhoods, directly affect the quality of life for both the citizen, and the police officer.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES and GOALS

How court room testimony and gang evidence will reduce crime rates.

What to explain and present as a gang expert in court.

How to identify local hybrid neighborhood gang culture.

Gangs 101 - What larger gang culture influences your local gang, and how are they being influenced.

How does your local gang adapt signs, symbols, tattoos, colors to your jurisdiction which may have originated elsewhere, perhaps even from a national gang culture.

How are you tracking your local gang and crime stats.

Keys to elements to a high functioning gang investigation unit

Key components to persuading Administrators, Attorneys, and City Council Members to support gang investigations in your jurisdiction.

TEXT

Hand out containing pertinent course topics and information.

ATTENDANCE

Participants are expected to be punctual, prepared, and take an active role in participation for the duration of this course.

COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

Attendees must complete a written exam administered by the instructors to receive a course certificate of completion.

DISCLAIMER

Information contained in this syllabus was, to the best knowledge of the instructor, considered correct and complete when distributed for use. The instructor reserves the right, acting in accordance with any standing departmental policies, to make changes in course content or instruction techniques without notice or obligation.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

Identification, Notebook, and a pen/pencil.

TWO DAY COURSE OUTLINE

- 0800 to 1000 – Understanding your Local Hybrid Gangs and how they are influenced.
- 1000 to 1200 – Gangs 101
- 1200 to 1300 – Lunch
- 1300 to 1400 – Creating and Maintaining your Gang Unit.
- 1400 to 1600 – Convincing your city to support your Gang Unit.
- **Day 2**
- 0800 to 1000 – Gang Statutes and Case Law.
- 1000 to 1200 - Gang Case preparation for court.
- 1200 to 1300 – Lunch
- 1300 to 1500 - Gang Expert Testimony
- 1500 to 1530 – Debrief your gang case with everyone involved.
- 1530 to 1600 – Written Exam
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