Gang Awareness Training
City of San Jose
Safe School Campus Initiative
Training Purpose

To develop an awareness and to educate parents, teachers, and community members on gang culture in order to reduce gang recruitment and prevent gang violence from occurring in our communities, schools and homes.
What is a Gang?

- A group of youth and/or adults that reside and/or gather in a certain location, claiming a neighborhood, park, street, corner etc. as their “turf”. We see them as drinking alcohol, selling drugs, and becoming involved in criminal activity.
The California Penal Code: 186.22

- Defines a gang in the following manner:
  (1) Three (3) or more people.
  (2) Formally or informally organized.
  (3) Involved individually or collectively in, or have engaged in a pattern of criminal gang activity.
Types of Gangs

- **Wannabe**: 
  - Good family 
  - No Gang ties (neighborhood/family) 
  - Will commit violent crimes to be accepted by fellow gang members

- **Got to Be**: 
  - Environment (neighborhood) 
  - No Gang ties (family) 
  - Peer Pressure 
  - Victimize by other gangs members 
  - Racism

- **Have to Be: (Gang Family)**: 
  - Family members are gang members 
  - Generational (Born into it) 
  - Career Criminals 
  - Gang Leaders

- **Drug & Money Group**: 
  - Selling Narcotics 
  - Uses gangs to protect and/or collect money 
  - Sell narcotics to finance gangs (house, cars, guns etc.)

- **602 Kid**: 
  - Wards of the courts 
  - Commit adult crimes 
  - Group home/Shelters 
  - Placed from one house to another 
  - No Family
Why do youth join Gangs?

- Respect and status
- Peer Group
  - Sense of belonging
  - Peer pressure
- Low self-esteem
- To be Accepted
- Media
- Latest trends (clothing, music, etc.)

- Racism
- Environment
  - Family tradition
  - Neighborhood
  - Association
  - Protection
Consequences of Gang Membership

- Instant enemy to Rival Gangs
- Family members being victimized by rival gangs
- Home is marked by other gang members
- Criminal Activity
- Drug and Alcohol abuse
- Drug Dealing
- School Failure
- Inability to find Employment
- Incarceration/Probation
- Validated (documented Gang Member)

- Serious injury and/or lifetime disability
- Life Sentence
- Death
Active San Jose Gangs

*Active Norteno Gangs*
- **WSM West Side Mob**
- LLL Los Latino Locos
- NGN New Generation Nortenos
- RPL Roosevelt Park Locos
- **VHS Varrio Horse Shoe**
- BRS Barrio Rio Seko

*Active Crip Gangs*
- CWA Crips with Attitude

*Active Sureno Gangs*
- **VPL Varrio Peligrosos Locos**
- **SPV Sur Por Vida**
- SSP Santos Sur Pride
- C13 Clanton
- VST Varrio Sur Trece
- VVT Varrio Virginia Trece

*San Jose Side’s*
- ESSJ East Side NSSJ North Side
- WSSJ West Side SSSJ South Side
Gang Laws

Pro 21
Charge youth @ 14 yrs old as Adults

Gang Enhancement
Sentence enhanced 2-15 years for gang related crimes

3 teens arrested in S.J. slayings

ALLEGED GANG MEMBERS FACE CHARGES IN DOUBLE HOMICIDE

By Benjamin Diton and Randal Conley

Three teens—two too old enough to drive—are double murder suspects stemming from the weekend shooting in a drive-by slaying at the 800 block of South San Jose, where a 14-year-old was shot.

A 14-year-old boy was arrested on Friday, July 13, in connection with the shooting of two people inside a car in South San Jose.

The shooting occurred around 3 a.m. and police say a vehicle pulled up to the car and opened fire.

One person was shot in the leg and the other in the neck.

Police are investigating the shooting and searching for additional suspects.

S.J. cops probing for leads in deaths

By Jennifer Files

Police are continuing to investigate the death of a 17-year-old boy found dead in a car on Thursday.

The boy, identified as 17-year-old Daniel Rodriguez, was found in a car on the side of the road with visible signs of trauma.

Police have not released any details about the investigation or the cause of death.

Police say attackers talked of gangs

By Jennifer Files

Several people have been arrested in connection with a shooting that occurred in South San Jose.

The shooting happened around 7:30 p.m. on July 14, near a local high school.

Police say they believe the shooting was gang-related and are investigating the case.

Police arrest nine in slaying

By Jennifer Files

Six arrests were made in connection with a shooting that occurred in South San Jose.

The shooting happened around 10 p.m. on July 14, near a local high school.

Police say they believe the shooting was gang-related and are investigating the case.

The suspects, ages 14 to 22, were arrested on various charges, including possession of firearms and gang activity.

The arrests were made following a lengthy investigation by the San Jose Police Department's Gang Unit.

The suspects will be held in Santa Clara County Jail pending arraignment.
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Norte

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Norteño Indicators

- XIV
- X4
- 14
- Norte (North)
- ENE (Spanish for the letter N)
- Red or Maroon Clothing/Accessories
- Red Sports Paraphernalia (University of Nebraska and San Francisco 49ers)
- San Jose Sharks

- Norteño Associated Clothing (04 jersey, X4 shirts etc)
- Mongolians (hair style)
- Huelga Bird (Strike Bird)
- Visible/Blatant Tatoos (face, neck, and upper body)
- 4 Dots (On fingers or face)
- Ethnic Diverse Gang (Hispanic Dominated)
- Call Rival SURENOS “SCRAPS”
Norteño Tattoos
Norteño Tattoos
Norteño Gang Members

Adult Nortenos

Junior High Students
Norteño Gang Members
Norteño
Art
Norteño
Graffiti
Sureño Indicators

- XIII
- X3
- 13
- 3ce
- Trece (Thirteen)
- Sur (South)
- 3 Dots (On the fingers or face)
- Visible/Blatant Tattoos (face, neck, and upper body).

- Blue Clothing/Accessories
- Blue Sports Paraphernalia (Dallas Cowboys and LA Dodgers)
- San Jose Sharks
- Sureño Associated Clothing
- Spanish speaking/first language
- Call Rival Norteno “Chaps” or “Buster”
Sureño Tattoos

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Sureño

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Sureños
Sureño Gang Members

VVT
Virginia Trece
East Side San Jose

VPT
Verde Pride Trece
East Side San Jose

Alondra

SURE-NOD VIDA
13 & 5
BLAck YRP
Sureño Gang Members

VST
Varrio Sur Town
West Side San Jose
Campbell Area
Sureño Gang Members

KVT
Kolmar Vago Trece
East Side San Jose

Santos Sur Pride
SSP
West Side San Jose
Sureño Graffiti

Sureño gang (VST) crossing out a rival
Norteño gang MTN showing disrespect
Thugs/Taggers

• Ethnically Diverse (Latino, Asian, African American, Caucasian, Etc.)
• Black Rag (Thug Life)
• Widespread / Highly Mobile
• Membership Requires Less Commitment to One Gang / Crew
• Less Traditional (Bi-laws / Dress)
• Will Affiliate With Norteños or Sureños, Crips or Bloods, Etc.

• Primary Goal: Fame
• Fights Primarily with other Tag and Thug Crews
• Known as “Writers” and “Taggers”
• Will hold alliances with several other Thug/Tagging Crews
Several crews crossing each other out and writing over each other showing disrespect and challenging the other crews. (KSU & AOT crossing outing TSU)

AOT (All Out Thug) and KSU (Kan’t Stop Us) in the past were two of most active crews in the city.
Taggers will at times draw characters as their signature mark on the streets. This drawing was by a member from an older crew, JBF (Just Bustin’ Funk).

Taggers will write on anything they can. White cargo vans are preferred because they are highly mobile and visible.
**Crip & Blood Indicators**

**Crips**
- Blue Clothing/Accessories
- Hats with the letter C
- Use of the word **Cuzz**
- 3 Dots (ABC)
- Cross out the letter B in words
- Call Rival Bloods “SLOBS”
- Allies w/ Nortenos

**Bloods**
- Red and/or Brown Clothing Accessories
- Hats with the letters B or P (Piru)
- Use of the word **Blood/Damu**
- 2 Dots (AB)
- Cross out the letter C in words
- Call rival Crips “CRABS”
- Allies w/Nortenos
Crips & Bloods
Ethnicity

- African-American
- Pacific Islanders
- Asians (Vietnamese, Cambodian, etc.)
- Latino
- Caucasian
- Native Americans
Crips

Samoan

African-American

Asians
BLOODS

Filipino Bloods

Samoan

African-American
Vietnamese Gang Indicators

• Tattoos (upper body & arms), usually not visible, usually ethnically-based
  • Dragon, Tiger, Phoenix, etc
• Five Dots (on the hand, wrist, or forearm, signifying “the five S’s”, which are any combination of: “Power”, “Money”, “Family”, “Strength”, “Loyalty”, “Honor”, etc)
• Keep to their own ethnic group for membership, as well as for traditional rivalries

• Long Bangs (Dyed Blond)
• Well Dressed (Older Gang members)
  • Slacks and Dress Shirts
• Baggy clothes (Younger members)
• Organized Crime / Drug Dealing (money groups)
• Very Loyal to Gang
• Groups of 10
• Wide spread/Not territorial
Active Vietnamese Gangs

- AW (Asian Warriors) sub-set VW
- VR (Viet Rascals) sub-set DY (Die Young)
- VL (Viet Locos) sub-set DA (Down Asian)
- VC (Viet Cong)
- LVG (Little Vietnamese Gangster)
- SG (Siagon Gangsters)
**Female Gangs**

**Groupies (Sympathizers)**
- Social
- Not Committed
- Can cause conflict between gangs and members.

**Independent Gang**
- Shares common characteristics as male dominated gangs
- Affiliates with different male gangs
- Short-lived

**Traditional Gang**
- Established
- Carries the same names as the male gang
- Loyal and committed to their male counterparts.
Use of Girls in Gangs

- Holding Weapons and/or Drugs
- Sexual Favors
- Manage Money
- Befriending other gang members
- Spies

Criminal Activity:
- ✓ Robbery
- ✓ Drive-by Shootings
- ✓ Drug Dealing and Transporting
- ✓ Hiding gang members from the law
Female Norteña Gang Members
Sureña Female Gang Members
Keys to Help Prevent/Intervene Gang Membership

- Education
- Positive Feedback
- Extra Curricular Activities
- Sports
- Interest (Hobbies)
- Diversion Programs
- County, City, and Non Profit Organizations/Programs
- Teen Support Groups
- Employment Skills
- Vocational Training
- Parent/Guardian Involvement
- Set Goals/Case Management
- High Achievement
- Mentoring