

STOCKTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

GENERAL ORDER

GANG VIOLENCE SUPPRESSION UNIT
SUBJECT

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TO: ALL PERSONNEL

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I. POLICY

The Stockton Police Department has formed a Gang Violence Suppression Unit (G.V.S.U.) to help combat the ever increasing gang activities and the violence associated with this activity in the City of Stockton.

II. PROCEDURES

A. The unit has been set up to accomplish the following:

1. Conduct surveillances and field interviews of gang members and suspected gang members.
2. Develop informants.
3. Keep street patrol units up to date on current gang activities.
4. Coordinate with Crime Analysis to screen all gang related activities.
5. Assist narcotic officers and detectives by supplying them with more complete gang information.
6. Coordinate and provide assistance to school districts and community organizations with their efforts in gang prevention and intervention.
7. Conduct investigations into specified gang related crimes.
8. Maintain proper intelligence files on gangs, gang members and gang activities.
9. Maintain intelligence on biker gang activity.
10. Conduct investigations involving firearms.
11. Conduct investigations involving graffiti.

B. Each officer in the G.V.S.U. unit:

1. Will be assigned to specialize in a specific gang.
2. Will be cross-trained in all aspects of gangs.
3. Conduct their activities in accordance to grant policies.

III. FILES

A. Gang name file.

1. As new gangs are identified they will be placed in the gang name file.
2. Names will be included by their true name and moniker.
3. Each gang will be reviewed on a periodic basis for its activity.
4. Gangs with no documented activity in a two year period will be purged; subject to re-entry should the gang become active again.
5. Gangs being entered into the file must meet one of the following criteria:
 - a. True name and moniker must be given by self-admitted member of that gang.
 - b. The name and moniker is given by rival gang member or associate on more than two occasions.

B. Gang membership file.

1. As new gang members or associates are identified, they will be placed in the gang membership file, which will also indicate the gang they are affiliated with.
2. Subjects will be placed in the gang membership file based on a pattern of behavior and only if they meet two or more of the following criteria:
 - a. Admits gang membership.
 - b. Has tattoos, wears or possess clothing and/or paraphernalia that is only associated with a specified gang.
 - c. Individual is arrested participating in a gang related delinquent/criminal activity with a known gang member.
 - d. Documentation shows the individual has associated himself with a known gang member of the same gang.
 - e. Identified as a gang member by a C.R.I.
 - f. Identified as a gang member by a rival gang member.
 - g. Identified as a gang member by a member of his own gang.
 - h. Named as a gang member through graffiti, drawings, letters, photographs, etc.
 - i. Identified as a gang member in court, law enforcement or debriefing documents.
3. Through their experience, G.V.S.U. officers can place a subject into the membership file as an associate gang member until the above criteria is met to make him a full fledged member.
4. Gang membership files will be reviewed on a regular basis.
 - a. Members/Associates with no activity during a five year period will be purged from the file.

- C. Hazard file.
 - 1. A hazard file will be initiated on all documented gang members/associates.
 - 2. When running RMS, a flashing "H" next to the subjects name will indicate the retrieving subject is in the hazard file *(See Appendix A).
 - 3. When retrieving the subject's history in RMS, the hazard will be explained. The hazard will read "Documented gang member/associate (Gang Name) make contact attention Gang Unit" (See Appendix B).

- D. A.K.A. file.
 - 1. The A.K.A.'s/monikers of all known or suspected gang members will be entered into the A.K.A. file.

- E. Intelligence files.
 - 1. Gang Violence Suppression Unit officers will compile all intelligence/information on gangs, gang members and gang incidents.
 - 2. Gang Violence Suppression Unit officers shall complete criminal intelligence reports (CIR'S) on all, but not limited to the following:
 - a. Documentation on all new gang/associate members.
 - b. Newly formed gangs.
 - c. Significant gang incidents.
 - 3. All files will be maintained in accordance with Department of Justice Intelligence files standards. Access to these files will be limited to personnel with proper clearance.

- F. Gang Violence Suppression Unit daily reports.
 - 1. The Gang Violence Suppression Unit will place all day-to-day activities and gang information on daily reports.
 - 2. Information from G.V.S.U. daily reports will be placed into the intelligence files. All, but not limited to, the following information will be indexed into the intelligence files.
 - a. Gang activities.
 - b. Gang member activities.
 - c. Gang member associations.
 - 3. All information on the daily reports will be made available to all sworn officers on a daily basis.
 - 4. Confidential information in the daily report will be blocked out prior to being copied and disseminated.
 - 5. The original copy of the G.V.S.U. daily reports will be kept in the units files.

IV. STATISTICS

- A. It will be the responsibility of the Gang Violence Suppression Unit supervisor to keep statistics on all activities of G.V.S.U. personnel and the information they compile.
- B. Statistics will be kept in accordance with (O.C.J.P.) Office Criminal Justice Planning requirements and will include, but not limited to the following:
 - 1. Gang members arrested, to be broken down by race, age and number of offenses.
 - 2. Gang related crimes. A gang related crime is defined as a criminal act committed by a known or suspected gang member which is:
 - a. Committed against a known gang member or associate.
 - b. Committed to further the cause of the gang such as retaliation, profit or reputation.
 - c. A threat or intimidation of victims or witnesses.
- C. Gang related cases which are cleared by arrest or other means.
- D. Gang members/associates identified.
- E. New gangs identified.
- F. Gang members contacted.
- G. Gang related cases referred to the District Attorney's Office.

V. G.V.S.U. CALL OUTS

- A. A call to G.V.S.U. officers after duty hours should first be cleared through the Watch Commander.
- B. All attempts should be made to contact the G.V.S.U. supervisor first. If known, the officer/Telecommunications Center personnel making the call should supply G.V.S.U. personnel with some or all of the following information:
 - 1. What gang(s) are involved.
 - 2. Brief synopsis of incident.
- C. The G.V.S.U. supervisor will then advise which officer(s) to contact based on the information received.