

EXPANDED COURSE OUTLINE
REGULAR BASIC COURSE
LEARNING DOMAIN 38
GANG AWARENESS

Effective date of outline: August 1, 2013

I. LEARNING NEED

Peace officers must know the indicators of gang involvement in order to assess and respond to gang-related criminal activity.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- A. State statutory requirements for designating a group as a criminal street gang
 - 1. Have a common name, identifying sign or symbol
 - 2. Have members who engage in criminal behavior
 - 3. Have, as one of its primary activities, committed one or more specified criminal acts.

- B. Describe safety considerations for peace officers who come in contact with known or suspected members of criminal gangs
 - 1. False compartments
 - 2. Air bag compartments
 - 3. The glove compartment
 - 4. Within air ducts
 - 5. Under the seats
 - 6. In engine compartment
 - 7. Under fenders
 - 8. Within persons clothing

- C. Describe indicators of gang territory and communications, including:
 - 1. Graffiti
 - 2. Violent crime
 - 3. Active gang members
 - 4. Tattoos
 - 5. Neighborhoods

II. LEARNING NEED

Peace officers must know the different types of criminal street gangs in order to effectively monitor and control criminal gang activity.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- A. Describe identifying characteristics and crime trends associated with criminal street gangs
1. Criminal street gangs in California vary by ethnicity and geographical area. Hispanic gangs evolved from East Los Angeles then spread through out Southern California.
 2. There are various Street gangs within Southern California from Black gangs (bloods, crips) to Asian gangs involving various clicks within the gangs. White gangs may usually be based on racist beliefs or more traditional boundaries. Some of the crimes associated with the above gangs are the following.
 3. Crimes against persons, crimes against property, crimes involving Controlled substances, Weapons violations, drug related offenses, prostitution, terrorist threats.

III. LEARNING NEED

Peace officers need a basic understanding of outlaw motorcycle gangs and prison gangs in order to effectively monitor and control criminal gang activity.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- A. Describe identifying characteristics and crime trends associated with organized crime gangs including:
1. Motorcycle Gangs
 2. Prison Gangs

IV. REQUIRED LEARNING ACTIVITIES

- A. The student will participate in a learning activity that will reinforce knowledge of local/regional gang dynamics including recent crime trends. Topics must include:
1. Categories of gangs (e.g., street gangs, organized crime gangs, outlaw motorcycle gangs and prison gangs)
 2. Types of street gangs (e.g., Hispanic, white, black, Asian, multi-racial)
 3. Reasons for gang membership
 4. Characteristics common to most gangs
 5. Common criminal activities
 6. Suppression, investigation, enforcement and prosecution tactics and techniques
 7. Officer safety techniques and personal character in gang-related contacts, detentions and arrests (9)

<u>Description</u>	<u>Hours</u>
POST Minimum Required Hours	<u>2</u>
Agency Specific Hours	<u>2</u>
Total Instructional Hours	<u>4</u>