STREET GANGS AND THE PRISON CONNECTION

This tuition-free 16-hour Multijurisdictional Counterdrug Task Force Training course is primarily for corrections personnel and law enforcement officers working closely with correctional facilities. The influence of criminal street gang members on our prison system and back into our communities is paramount. Methods to identify, monitor and manage these gang members as a security threat group are presented and discussed in this course. The relationship of gang members in prison with their local street gangs is emphasized to include intelligence, communications, and criminal activities (drugs, violence, and extortion) in prison and on the streets. Criminal street gang members and Security Threat Group members utilize tactics to promote and further their criminal interests.

Course Topics Include:

- Mindset of criminal street gangs and security threat groups
- Prison intake process and housing
- Support structure inside and outside of the prison
- Success tactics for management of gangs in prison
- Gang origins
- Gang types (transnational, national, regional, neighborhood)
- Types of crimes
- Major gangs in the United States
- Immigrant gangs
- Alliances
- Prison and street intelligence
- Safety

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Instructor Chuck Schoville recently retired (Sept. 28, 2017) as the training coordinator for the Arizona Department of Public Safety State Gang Task Force (GIITEM). Mr. Schoville has served as a Police Officer for approximately thirty-six years within the Tempe Arizona Police Department and the Arizona Department of Corrections. He also serves as an educator within a private correctional facility in Arizona that is responsible for the safe housing of incarcerated individuals from Hawaii, Nevada, and the Virgin Islands. Mr. Schoville has travelled throughout the United States training law enforcement / corrections professionals on Criminal Street Gangs (CSG) and Security Threat Group (STG) related topics. He is a graduate or Northern Arizona University (B.S. Education) and is the founder and previous President (2006-2016) of the Arizona Gang Investigators Association (AZGIA), current President (2007-2017) of the International Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investigators Association (IOMGIA), and is also the current President of the National Alliance of Gang Investigators Associations (NAGIA).

Instructor John Chavez is a Sergeant with the Arizona Department of Corrections where he has served since 1998. He has spent most of his career with the Special Security Unit (SSU) primarily responsible for circumventing gang activity within Arizona’s state correctional facilities. He was selected to serve on Arizona Governor Ducey’s assessment team in addressing STG activity within the correctional arena. His strong understanding of the everyday activities that disrupt the safe and orderly operations of the institutions greatly benefits public, staff, and inmate safety. Mr. Chavez serves as an instructor and class Sergeant at the Correctional Officer Training Academy in Tucson, AZ and is the lead instructor for all newly selected Special Security Unit (SSU) Officers. He also serves as a Subject Matter Expert and instructor for the Arizona Gang Investigators Association (AZGIA) on a regular basis.

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