

Call for Gang Article Submissions

The Institute for Intergovernmental Research (IIR) and the National Gang Center (NGC) support local, state, and federal law enforcement professionals by developing publications on emerging gang issues.

We need feature articles—written by law enforcement professionals—for publication. Do you have insights into emerging gang issues or new trends? Have your byline appear on National Gang Center publications available on the NGC Web site and disseminated at national and regional training sessions and conferences.

An outline of your proposed article must be submitted for consideration. Articles should be broad enough to be of interest and applicable to law enforcement nationally. We are particularly interested in articles that address topics such as (but not limited to) the following:

- Links between prison gangs and street gangs.
- Information/intelligence sharing between law enforcement and corrections.
- Effectiveness of sentencing enhancements.
- Effectiveness of gang injunctions.
- Victimization of gang members.
- Investigator/prosecutor teams.
- “Cyberbanging”—increased gang use of technology (cell phones, Internet, MySpace, YouTube) to threaten, intimidate, communicate, recruit, etc.
- Deciphering gang graffiti, signs, and colors.
- Emerging immigrant/refugee gangs (Kurdish Pride, Somalis, Sudanese, etc.).

Writing Guidelines

Accuracy and proper attribution of sources are essential. Authors are responsible for fact-checking their articles prior to submission, noting all sources, and obtaining written permission to use any copyrighted material.

- Use a clear, nontechnical style.
- Avoid jargon and explain acronyms on first reference.
- State the importance or timeliness of the topic near the beginning of the article.
- Describe your experience with the topic, if applicable, at the beginning of the article.
- Focus on how a program or technique has worked or on how new research may apply to practice.
- Length: Up to 5,000 words.
- Divide text into shorter "chapters" to make online reading easier.
- Include supporting graphics (photos, maps, charts, etc.) to add interest (see specifications below).

Images

Submit all images separately with reference points within the text.

- Supporting graphics (charts, graphs, maps, etc.): Submit as separate .PDF, .GIF, or .JPG files.
- Photographs: Submit as separate .GIF or .JPG files no larger than 500x300 pixels. Resolution of 300 dpi preferred.

Stipend

Authors of articles chosen for publication will receive a stipend of \$1,500.

Please submit outline to:

Van Dougherty
Senior Research Associate
National Gang Center
Post Office Box 12729
Tallahassee, FL 32317
Phone: (850) 385-0600, Ext. 249
Fax: (850) 386-5356
E-mail: vdougherty@iir.com