

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA  
MINUTES FOR COMMISSION ON GANG PREVENTION AND INTEVETION MEETING  
OF  
THURSDAY, May 21, 2009  
AT 5:00 P.M.  
BAYSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER – 2202 COMSTOCK CENTER

CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pastor Harry Cooper at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Pastor Harry Cooper at 6:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Chair Cooper called the roll:

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| (1) Commissioner De Leon Torres- present | (7) Commissioner Cafferty- present  |
| (2) Commissioner Benavidez- present      | (8) Commissioner Lozada- present    |
| (3) Commissioner Dumanis- present        | (9) Commissioner Silverman- present |
| (4) Commissioner Yanov- present          | (10) Commissioner Eldred- present   |
| (5) Commissioner Henderson- present      | Chair Pastor Cooper- present        |
| (6) Commissioner Jenkins- present        |                                     |

CURRENT INFORMATION SCAN (CIS):

Lieutenant Duran from the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) Gang Unit presented a report on current statistics from April 2009 that involved the City of San Diego (see stats handout below). Gang suppression officers work within neighborhoods that have heavy violence to try and suppress the violence. They have also been able to learn more about the neighborhood while patrolling which helps in many ways. Also looking to have GST work on party crashing to help ensure that everything going on is legal and to find some type of funding to support the suppression efforts for the upcoming year.

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**STREET GANG UNIT CASE STATISTICS**

**April Statistics  
2009**

Gang Crimes	Motivated	Involved
<b>Murder</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Attempt Murder</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Aggravated (Gun)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Aggravated (other)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Robbery</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Other crimes</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>YTD 2009</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>42</b>

**Definitions:**

**Gang Motivated:** a serious crime committed at the direction of, for the benefit or in association with a criminal street gang.

**Gang Involved:** any serious crime involving a gang member as suspect or victim minus a clear motivation.

**Citywide Arrests of Gang Members**

Other Commands  
179  
 Gang Unit  
126  
 YTD  
1342

**Gang Documentation**

Total Membership  
4,000  
 New Members  
41/114  
 Purged Members  
31/75



**Operation Bank Gig:**  
*Detectives along with Secret Service agents conducted an investigation into the largest bank fraud scheme committed by gang members in California history. 60 persons were arrested, 16 of whom are active gang members.*

**April Quick Facts**

So far this year 21% of gang shootings take place between 10 AM and 5 PM. 79% of gang shootings take place between 8 PM and 1 AM. 47% of shootings are between 11 PM and 1 AM.

**Operation Stampede!** Was a 6 month under cover operation into the affairs of SE Lokos. In all, 31 gang members and associates were arrested, 3 homicides solved, 48 guns seized, 5 violent crimes prevented and pounds of drugs confiscated.

2008 vs. 2009

Homicides -50%

Shootings -25%

Aggravated Assaults -45%

Robbery - 55%

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Commissioner Lozada commented on the efforts from the County Mental Health who is offering a course on Gang culture.

Lieutenant Duran discussed about the GST officers that are assigned to GST and the process of how they are handpicked.

Commissioner Silverman commented about whether if not the current economy downturn has had an impact on the gang activity and if a database called Venus graffiti trapper is something that SDPD is familiar with.

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Lieutenant Andrew Mills's response was that he was not sure on how the economy has had an impact on gang violence at this point but that probably it has had some impact on economic type of crimes like theft or fraud. There is no tracking record at this point, focus is on violent crimes.

Lieutenant Duran commented on how both Escondido and the Sheriff's Department are using graffiti trackers. It's a benefit to smaller agencies; SDPD has its own internal tracking system.

Commissioner Silverman commented about what kind of help SDPD would need based on the experience and what they deal with in regards to intervention.

Lieutenant Andrew Mills commented on short term intervention to reach out to prior graduates of STRIVE or community members in those specific communities to talk with these younger youth. The issue is the longer they extend the retaliation period, the more chances they will have to forget about it and not retaliate quickly.

Chair Cooper commented on the Gang documentation and wanted some clarification on numbers.

Lieutenant Andrew Mills commented about the there being 41 new members for the month of March and total of 114 for the year.

#### PROBATION STATISTICS

County of San Diego Probations Department Probation Officer Stacey Adams described her role with County of San Diego Probations Department (SDCP) and gave an overview of her position. She also commented on the curfew violations for youth and the suppressive actions taken.

Probation Officer Jason Rash commented on updates on SDCP activity for April to May 09.

Chair Cooper commented that due to there not having a quorum the action items will not be discussed.

#### 4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Executive Director Sharpe-Underwood discussed about grant updates and the different schools that have a 10-to-Succeed program.

#### 5. ANNOUCEMENTS

Commissioner De Leon-Torres commented about a graduation party that was advertised through email, instead parent decided to have party at a restaurant.

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**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Pastor Cooper made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 P.M.

**Next regular meeting:** Thursday July 16, 2009 @ 5pm  
City Administration Building  
Committee Closed Session Room  
202 C Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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