



Current Effective Elements in Combating Gangs

- Partnership between state, local and federal LEO, corrections, prosecutors and probation when investigating gang crimes.
 - Required Resources – Funding, buy-in, staffing
 - Evaluation – Successful prosecutions of gangs/gang members, decrease in gang activity.



Current Effective Elements in Combating Gangs

- Communication between LEOs
 - Required Resources – Buy-in for required resources, funding, regular multi-agency intelligence meetings, inter/intra-agency communication, and analytical support.
 - Evaluation – Successful case completion, improved understanding of gang activities and membership, successful dissemination and application of intelligence.



Current Effective Elements in Combating Gangs

- Identifying gangs, gang activities and members
 - Required Resources – Database, staffing, funding
 - Evaluation – Realistic, accurate information available



Current Effective Elements in Combating Gangs

- Focus on organization through its members and disable funding (not just focusing on one member)
 - Required Resources – Buy-in, manpower, funding, interagency cooperation
 - Evaluation – Disorganized, demoralized and defeated gangs



Current Effective Elements in Combating Gangs

- Federal sentencing guidelines (ability to change sentencing i.e. Rule 35)
 - Required Resources – Staffing, buy-in
 - Evaluation – Successful sentencing and prosecution



Innovative Suggestions to Defeat Gangs

- More well-paid, specialized gang prosecutors at the state level (gang-related, organized crime, etc.) and resources for local and statewide prosecutors to go after gangs and gang members to include witness protection.
 - Barriers – Funding, buy-in, prioritize state spending, commitment by SAOs, prioritize county and city level, staffing
 - Driving Force – More successful prosecutions, decreased likelihood of a mistrial, gang/gang members held accountable, decreased gang activity, current lack of specialized resources to accomplish, increased willingness to testify.
 - Required Resources – Same as the barriers
 - Evaluation – Timely and successful prosecutions



Innovative Suggestions to Defeat Gangs

- Funded specialized (gang) probation officers, LEOs and analytical support staffing.
 - Barriers – Funding, staffing
 - Driving Force – Increased enforcement, better long-term supervision, appropriate conditions of probation and enforcement.
 - Required Resources – Funding, staffing
 - Evaluation – Quality intelligence gathering and sharing, successful case completion, reduction in gangs.



Innovative Suggestions to Defeat Gangs

- User-friendly gang database with statewide access, data entry and equipment that is available to state, local and federal agencies to eventually link to a comparable national database.
 - Barriers – Funding for staffing, equipment and training. Support by all entities. Accurate and timely database that adequately represents current gang status by area.
 - Driving Force – Improved communication, enforcement and prosecution. Realistic gang assessment.
 - Required Resources – Funding, staffing (data entry), training, equipment
 - Evaluation – Accurate and reliable input of intelligence by all LE agencies.



Innovative Suggestions to Defeat Gangs

- Change in F.S. to improve detention issues and discovery concerns in gang-related cases (current delays in prosecuting cases along with early release of victim/witness information causes unsuccessful prosecutions. Pretrial release of violent gang members causes harm to witnesses and the public and results in increased violence and frequency of gang activity, empowers gangs and decreases the community confidence/cooperation with the judicial system).
 - Barriers – Buy-in
 - Driving Force – Decrease threats to witnesses, increase willingness to testify, increased prosecutions, increased partnerships between LE and prosecution and increased community support.
 - Required Resources – Legislative and executive buy-in
 - Evaluation – More successful prosecutions, increase community confidence/cooperation



Innovative Suggestions to Defeat Gangs

- Supported gang training (database, travel, training venue) and specialized training for instructors.
 - Barriers – Funding, buy-in, staffing, equipment, providing instructors (regional and general)
 - Driving Force – Improved intelligence, only means by which to implement.
 - Required Resources – Funding, staffing, equipment
 - Evaluation – Improved intelligence gathering and dissemination



Innovative Suggestions to Defeat Gangs

- Anti-gang educational programs for schools and communities.
 - Barriers – Denial, funding, implementation, location, buy-in from various entities, school support, family support, community support and LE support
 - Driving Force – Presence of mentors may decrease appeal of gangs to youths. Increased understanding of gangs and their impact on the community.
 - Required Resources – Funding, trained/specialized educators, buy-in
 - Evaluation – Decreased recruitment/membership of gangs and building meaningful partnerships to address the problem.



Innovative Suggestions to Defeat Gangs

- Anti-gang court/correctional facility intervention/rehabilitation programs and reentry program in conjunction with private entities (employment, education, housing).
 - Barriers – Funding, buy-in, staffing, training, resources, equipment, community support.
 - Driving Force -- Decreased recidivism, decreased gang activity, reduced crime rate.
 - Required Resources – Funding, staffing, buy-in by courts, corrections and private entities
 - Evaluation – Decreased gang incidents within corrections facilities, decreased recidivism



Additional Points/Thoughts

- State Attorney and other agency turnover (salary/incentives)
- Change mindset of agencies (currently too lenient on juvenile crime)
- Give meaningful punishment to juvenile offenders (i.e. gang offenders)
- Community outreach programs focused during the time of 3:00pm to 7:00pm
- Let prosecutors do their job (direct file authority)
- Reevaluation of juvenile arrest and prosecution procedures at the Federal level
- Formalized gang training for judges



Additional Points/Thoughts

- Ability to input general intelligence/information in statewide database (comments section)
- Federal statute defining criminal gangs
- Redefine 874
- Formalize database/law enforcement liaison
- California statute on discovery rule for gang cases (get copy)
- Create state statute for gang injunctions (Texas currently)
- Ability to obtain multiple bonds on separate cases for gang members with higher amounts and/or detention for violent gang crimes