

# Probation Training Basic Gang Class Webinar



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## Welcome and House Keeping

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## Definition

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### What is a Gang?

"Criminal street gang" means three or more persons having a common identifying sign or symbol or an identifiable leadership

*who continuously or regularly associate in the commission of criminal activities.*

TX PC 71.01(d)

## Criteria for Identification

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### Chapter 61 CCP

Art. 61.02. CRIMINAL COMBINATION AND CRIMINAL STREET GANG INTELLIGENCE DATABASE; SUBMISSION CRITERIA. (a) Subject to Subsection (b), **a criminal justice agency or a juvenile justice agency** may compile criminal information into an intelligence database for the purpose of investigating or prosecuting the criminal activities of criminal combinations or criminal street gangs.

Must be relevant to the identification of an organization that is reasonably suspected of involvement in criminal activity; and

Consist of:

- (A) a judgment under any law that includes, as a finding or as an element of a criminal offense, participation in a criminal street gang;
- (B) a self-admission by the individual of criminal street gang membership that is made during a judicial proceeding; or

## Criteria for Identification

Or any two of the following...

- (i) a self-admission by the individual of criminal street gang membership that is not made during a judicial proceeding; **(Including internet photos)**
- (ii) an identification of the individual as a criminal street gang member by a **reliable informant** or other individual;
- (iii) a corroborated identification of the individual as a criminal street gang member by an informant or other individual of unknown reliability;
- (iv) evidence that the individual frequents a documented area of a criminal street gang and associates with known criminal street gang members;
- (v) evidence that the individual uses, in more than an incidental manner, **criminal street gang dress, hand signals, tattoos, or symbols, including expressions of letters, numbers, words, or marks**, regardless of the format or medium in which the symbols are displayed, **that are associated with a criminal street gang that operates in an area frequented by the individual** and described by Subparagraph (iv); or
- (vi) evidence that the individual has been arrested or taken into custody with known criminal street gang members **for an offense or conduct consistent with criminal street gang activity.**
- (vii) evidence that the individual has visited a known criminal street gang member, other than a family member of the individual, while the gang member is confined in or committed to a penal institution;
  - Third degree of consanguinity or affinity
  - Penal Institution includes: TDC, TJJD, JDC Pre/Post, County Jail
  - If used with Frequents and associates with you will need a third criteria match for database.**
- (viii) evidence of the individual's use of technology, including the internet, to recruit new criminal street gang members.

## Gang Database

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Granted in Chapter 61 of CCP  
61.03

(A) Release of Information

CJ Agency, A Court, or A Defendants  
Attorney

(B) Information may be used for any  
criminal justice purpose (by agency)  
Information may only be used as a  
defense in a criminal proceeding (by  
defense)

(c) Shall provide information to the  
department

(d) Department shall create a database

(e) Department shall designate a code to  
distinguish between juveniles and adults

Information relating to a child

(a) **Notwithstanding Chapter 58, Family Code**, criminal  
information relating to a child associated with a combination or a  
criminal street gang may be compiled and released under this  
chapter regardless of the age of the child.

## Important Notes

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61.05 Unauthorized Use or Release

61.06 Removal of Records (Adults)

61.07 Removal of Records (Juvenile)

61.075 Request for Information

### Gang Intelligence Database

CCP 61.02

Requires counties with a population 100,000 or more and cities with a population of 50,000 or more to compile and maintain a local/regional gang database.

Requires CFR training for all who input or retrieve info, every two years



## Video: The Gang Attraction

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Notes:

Questions:

### The Big Six

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National Trend Setters in the Gang Subculture

- Crips
- Bloods
- Folk Nation
- People Nation
- Sureños
- Norteños



## Colors, Symbolism and Clothes

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## Colors, Symbolism and Clothes

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## Hybridization

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National \_\_\_\_\_

Makes intelligence even more important

Difficult to document members correctly

Creates unexpected \_\_\_\_\_

Creates unexpected rivalries

## Social Media Monitoring

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- Number one tool
- Limitless open intelligence
- Ensure policy and procedure allows
- Capture and use intel



## Additional Resources

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Texas Gang Investigators Association



Texas Attorney Generals Gang Resource Database.  
Mandated by statute  
Used to identify gangs in local area

National Gang Center

