



Basic Gang Identification Training for School Personnel
June 27, 2012
Mt Vernon High School Auditorium

The Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission, in partnership with the Washington State School Safety Center, The Washington State School Safety Advisory Committee and the Washington State Gangs in Schools Taskforce is hosting a six hour training on basic gang identification for school personnel. This course is designed for school staffs that may know gangs and gang members are present in school but have very little information on being able to make identification. This class is provided for school teachers, counselors, administrators, risk managers, school safety personnel and school security officers. School Resource Officers are encouraged to attend.

The training includes, but is not limited to:

The class will cover history and trends, Hispanic & African American Gangs, Hybrid gangs including Insane Clown Posse & other prominent regional gangs. In addition the course will examine gang Identifiers which includes dress, hand signs, jewelry and graffiti. How gangs impact the school environment, gang recruiting in school, legal criteria that determines gang membership and affiliation. How can schools respond effectively including, talking to, and reasoning with confirmed and or suspected gang members, explore strategies for classroom management skills and disciplinary action within the school setting in order to provide the safest environment possible. Information will also be available regarding what is happening within the Mt. Vernon region.

Trainers:

Randal Town M.Ed. Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission, ESD 105

For the past twenty three years Randy has worked in the area of school crisis management and safety. He provides crisis management, school safety training which includes site safety assessments built upon the principals of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design. Randy is a 17 year veteran of the Yakima County Sheriff's Office who currently works as a Reserve Deputy and is a recipient of the Yakima County Medal of Valor. Randy currently chairs the statewide Gangs in Schools Taskforce, is one of the founding members of the Yakima County Gang Commission where he served as the original coordinator and serves on the Washington State School Safety Advisory Board, he is a member of the Northwest Gang Investigators Association. Randy lives in Yakima, Washington with his wife; together they have 5 children and two grandchildren.

Officer Chris Zimmer: Mt Vernon Police Department

Chris has been a police officer with the Mount Vernon Police Department since 2005. Since 2008 Officer Zimmer has been assigned to the departments Priority Policing Team, which has a focus of gang contacts, documentation, and investigation, as well as other crimes trends within the community. Officer Zimmer has been a Field Training Officer in the department, and has also been a part of the department's SWAT team for 5 years. Officer Zimmer has had contact with hundreds of gang members, and been a part of numerous gang investigations. Officer Zimmer has trained over 100 local Law Enforcement Officers in gang recognition and investigative tips, as well as hospital administrators from around the state and numerous community members, and local educators in gang recognition. Officer Zimmer coordinates and hosts a monthly gang intelligence meeting for area School Officials, Law Enforcement, and Probation Officers and is currently a member of the Northwest Gang Investigators Association. Officer Zimmer lives in the community with his wife who teaches at the local High School and has two young children.

Cost: None

Location: Vernon High School; Auditorium
314 N 9th St
Mt Vernon, WA 98273

Date & Time: June 27th, 2012; 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

Clock Hours: 6 Clock Hours Available for Certified Educators through ESD 105

Registration: Will be done through the ESD 105 Registration System

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Enter the session I.D. number: **101826**, in the box at the top middle area of the screen; click "go." The information page for this session should appear. Click on the blue "register" button on the upper right corner of the page. Complete the information; since there is no charge for the class you will then click "check-out" YOU MAY BE PROMPTED TO COMPLETE A "USER ACCOUNT;" IF SO, THIS IS A ONE TIME ONLY PROCESS

Questions:

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