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Basic Gang Training for School Personnel

The Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission, in partnership with the Washington State School Safety Center, The Washington State School Safety Advisory Committee the Washington State Gangs in Schools Taskforce and the Northwest Gang Investigators Association is hosting a six hour training on basic gang identification for school personnel. This course is designed for school staff 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 principals, administrators, risk managers, school safety personnel and school security officers. **School Resource and other law enforcement officers are encouraged to attend however may find the class covers material and information that you may already know.**

The training includes, but is not limited to:

Hispanic & African American Gangs, Hybrid gangs including Insane Clown Posse & other prominent regional gangs. 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, how to talk and reason with confirmed and or suspected gang members, introduction to verbal de-escalation skills with gang members, explore strategies for assessing involvement and providing disciplinary action within the school setting in order to provide the safest environment possible.

Trainer: Sgt Dave Cortez is a 20 year veteran of the Yakima Police Department; he is currently supervisor for the Yakima Police Department Gang Unit and has served in a variety of capacities during his law enforcement career. Dave has become known in law enforcement circles throughout the northwest as an expert in gangs and gang activity; he also serves on the board of directors for the Northwest Gang Investigators Association and is a trainer at their major conferences.

Date: February 1, 2013

Time: 0900-1500 hrs

Place: Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission Auditorium
19010 1st Avenue South
Burien, WA

Cost: Free

Prerequisite: Employment or involvement within the school system

To Register: Email Randy Town at randy.town@esd105.org please include your name, position with your school or agency, email address and a contact phone number

