

# REGIONAL COUNTERDRUG TRAINING ACADEMY

## Street Gang Investigations

Length: 3 days

**Designed For:** All active Sworn and Certified State or Local Law Enforcement Officers.

**Prerequisites:** None.

**Certification:** This course is POST certified in the states of Mississippi and Georgia and accepted for certification in other states.

**Description:** This Course is designed to inform both the Law Enforcement Officer as well as the Correction Officers about Street Gangs and Prison Gangs and how they are plaguing the United States at a very rapid rate. Gang membership and migration have greatly increased as gangs spread from urban areas to rural communities. These trends have caused crime, violence, drugs and thefts to increase and have lowered the quality of life. Gangs and their violence have significantly affected Officer Safety, especially in Local Jails, State Prisons and Corrections Facilities.

### Objectives:

This course will teach the student to be able to describe factors leading to gang membership, relate to the individual gang member in order to develop rapport, informants, intelligence and inhibit gang membership. It will help identify existing and emerging street gangs and their signs. The student will learn what types of crimes are related to and committed by gangs. They will be taught how to develop a method of combating gangs as well as appropriate resources available to the officer and agency.

### Instructional Topics:

- Gang History
- Current Trends and Identification
- National Gang Influences
- Special Gang Threats
- Analysis of:
  - Motivations
  - Music
  - Criminal Activities
  - Psychological Factors
  - Sociological factors.
- Successful Interdiction Methods
- Gangs in the Jail, Correction and Prison System