



**BCJPD Gang Unit
Mission Statement**

“To provide intensive supervision during non-traditional hours to high risk youth with gang affiliations; to gather and share intelligence acquired through investigations with other agencies; to keep high risk youth accountable for their actions; to educate youth with skills to become law-abiding, productive citizens and to contribute to community safety.”

GANG UNIT HISTORY

- ▣ 1999 Spotlight Program-Federally funded tri-agency collaboration of the Sheriff’s Office, Adult Probation and Juvenile Probation
- ▣ 2001 Birth of the Gang Unit
- ▣ 2003 Introduction of the Project Sentry-Weapons Offenses
- ▣ Electronic Monitoring Supervision/G.P.S.

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The Gang Unit has enhanced, established and expanded partnerships with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, federal, state and municipal governments.

WHAT IS A GANG?

- ❑ A group of three or more, who have a common identifying sign, symbol, or identifiable leadership, who continuously or regularly associate in the commission of criminal activity.. (Texas Penal Code)
- ❑ The average age for street gang members is fourteen to twenty five. However, documentation has shown gang members as young as eight years old.

ACTIVE MEMBER

- ❑ A person who exhibits their colors.
- ❑ Meets with other gang members on a regular basis at school, home, or on the street
- ❑ Is engaging in criminal activity
- ❑ Attempts to recruit new members on a regular basis

IN-ACTIVE MEMBER

- ☐ A person who moved out of the area
- ☐ A person who may have become involved in a relationship
- ☐ Females usually exit gangs via pregnancy (But may remain supportive of male activity)
- ☐ Because of religious reasons
- ☐ Maturity
- ☐ Work/School

Intake

- ☐ Intake Process of juvenile that is detained in the BCJDC.
- ☐ Gang Affiliation/ Association Sheet
- ☐ Module assignment in BCJDC/BCDC

Senate Bill 315

- ☐ Article 61.01
- ☐ Mandates that a municipality of 50,000 or more or a county of 100,000 create and maintain a criminal database.
- ☐ Purpose of Database.

Collaboration

- ▣ Texas Violent Gang Task Force
- ▣ Gang Unit Collaboration
