





CRIMINAL STREET GANG DEFINED

A 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.

Documenting Gang Members

- All law enforcement agencies are <u>required</u> to have a gang database
- TXGang database is a repository provided by DPS for agencies to document gang members (565 use TXGANG)
- Adults are removed from database after 5 years, unless revalidated
- Juveniles are removed after 2 years, unless revalidated
- Database entry by AGENCY, not the RESIDENCY of the gang member. LPD numbers do not reflect number of gang members living in our city

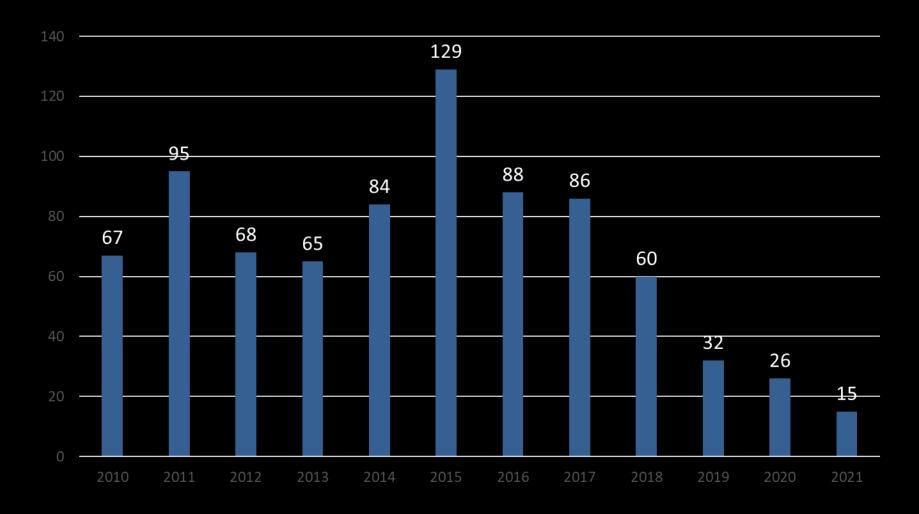


GANG CRITERIA House Bill 2086, Section 36

Any 2 forms of criteria 3 - 10 to be confirmed as a gang member. "Except as provided by Subsection (d)"

First two criteria can 3. Non-judicial 4. ID by reliable stand on their own as self admission informant basis for gang Internet documentation 8. Arrested/detained with gang members/ Judicial Finding 5. Id by on a gang related corroborated offense. Informant Documented Gang Member 10. Internet 7. Gang dress, Recruitment hand signals. tattoos, or symbols Documented Subsection (d) Gang Member If used jointly, need 3rd criteria from list Frequents Prison visit of Judicial documented gang member Self Admission Gang area

IDENTIFIED NEW GANG MEMBERS



572 "Active" Gang Members on TXGANG

Top Lewisville Gangs



INTELLIGENCE GATHERING

- Obtained from Social Media
- School personnel
- Street officers
- Graffiti
- Confidential Sources
- Community

DIFFERENT ENFORCEMENT

- Enforce all violations
- Zero-tolerance
- Gang officers work closely with detectives to identify and prosecute gang members
- Certain offenses are enhanced if committed by a documented gang member

Most Common Crimes Committed by Gang Members in TXGANG









GANGHAND SIGNS/SIGNALS



















BLOODS/CRIPS/GANGSTA DISCIPLES





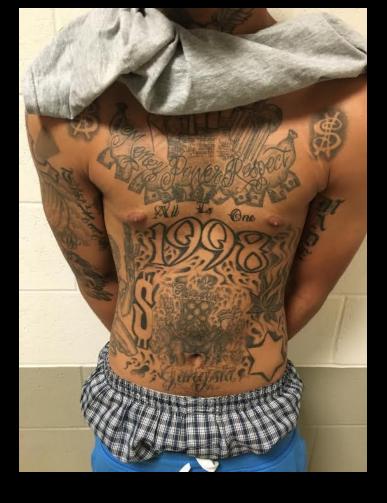




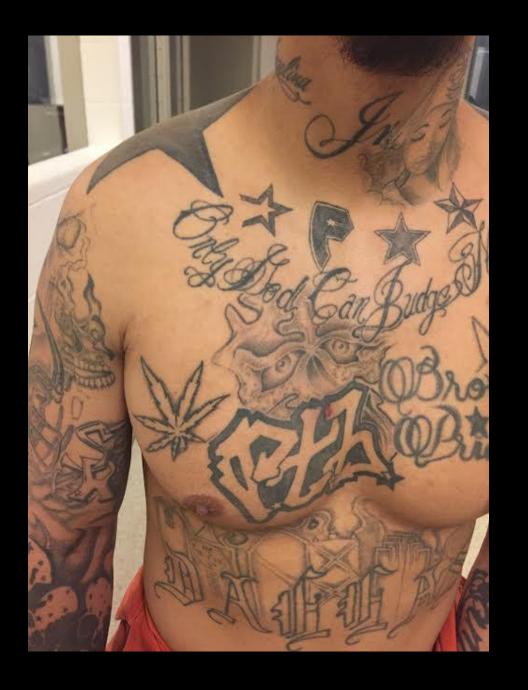








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We must secure the existence of our people and a future for white children.



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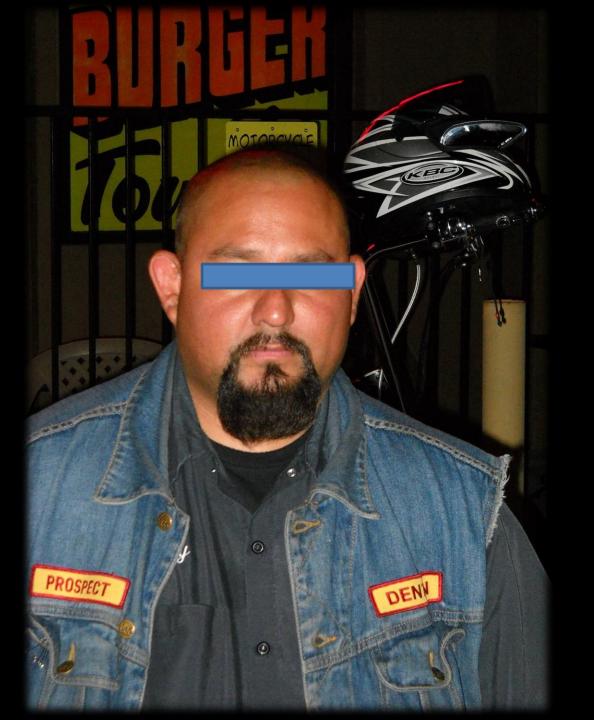














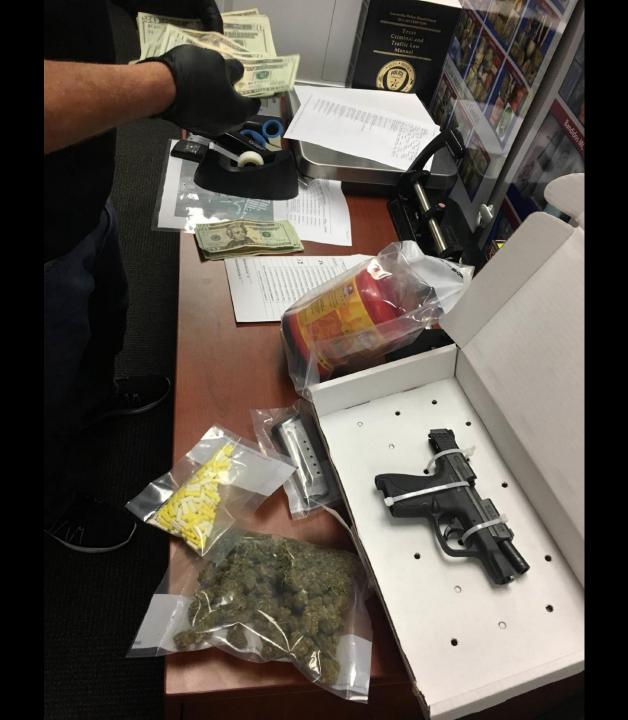




The Crimes Associated with Gangs









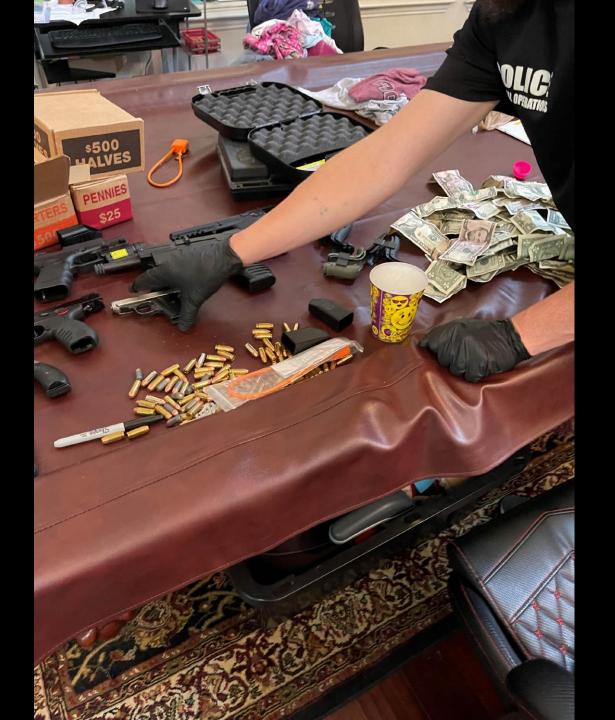












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City of Lewisville Homeless Update 2021

Officer G. Hopper, Lewisville PD

Master Peace Officer
Neighborhood Resource Officer
Homeless Coordinator/Investigator
Certified Crime Prevention Specialist
Crisis/Hostage Negotiator
25 years Active-Duty Military Service (Retired)

Estimates are approximate based on officers on the streets during contacts with the homeless on a daily basis.

Over 254 homeless contacted in last 5 years
 (Up from 202 in 2020) Expected
 This is a running total, NOT how many are currently in the city

- Some regulars, many transient or intermittent
- Approximately 150 have not been seen/contacted in over a year

(Up from 50 in 2020) Improvement



 We are down to approximately <u>10-25 homeless in</u> <u>Lewisville</u> at any time

(down from 100-150 in 2020) Improvement

 Approximately 90% of the homeless accept the Community Resource book

(up from 75% in 2020) Improvement



Approximately 50% actually follow-up with a referral

(up from 10% in 2020) Improvement

- Some resources limited/overbooked
- Waiting lists for long term
- Some don't meet the criteria for some assistance
- Many simply forget, mental illness, lose interest, don't follow-up
- Approximately 10% long-term homeless (down from 65% in 2020) <u>Improvement</u>
 - Refuse all help and express no desire for change
 - Much fewer make homeless their way of life now



 Approximately 80% admitted to, or believed, some form of mental illness

> (about the same as 2020) Not all have even been official diagnosed yet

- Approximately 95% history of drug/alcohol addiction (down from 99% in 2020)
 - Either can't or not willing to stop
 - Most have been involved/associated with local criminal activities:
 - Minor misdemeanors (including alcohol offenses)
 - Thefts
 - Some Felonies (including violence and drugs)



Some of the key elements needed for success:

- Drug or Alcohol Rehab/Counseling, MHMR
 Counseling
 (they can't keep a job if this is not addressed)
- Obtaining or renewing a Texas Identification Card or Texas Driver's License
- Job assistance
- Transportation assistance
- Housing or shelter
- Food/Clothing assistance

Resources are available to help the homeless in these areas



Homeless Contacts

COMPLETELY VOLUNTARY

- We build trust with the individual
- We try to learn more about the homeless person
- Get them involved, proactive
- Educate them on Resources Available



Homeless Contact Information Obtained

COMPLETELY VOLUNTARY

- Name, street name, description, DL
- Current photo
- Last contacted, locations, time since last contact, health status
- Sex Offender/Gang Member
- Homeless since/Total Homeless Time
- Homeless ended
- Initial causes of homelessness



Addressing Their Needs

- Assistance Offered for all current needs
- Accepted or not
- Type Assistance Provided, Transportation provided
- Community Resources Book Provided/Accepted or not
- Mental or Physical Disability
- Veteran status, Trauma, PTSD, TBI Branch of Service, Combat
- Emergency Contacts, Next of Kin, Known Associates
- History



Addressing Needs Continued

- What resources may be available to help
- Help customize a plan for their unique circumstances
- Review the Community Service Book and leave them the copy
- Provide referrals
- Provide a ride directly to a service/resource
- MHMR, Mayhill, UBH, Housing/shelter, Food, Clothing, Veteran's resource, Housing, Food, Clothing
- Over the phone counseling
- Computer and/or internet service
- Coordinate with their doctors/nurses or other medical staff
- Help get appointments and prescriptions filled
- Help obtain ID's, Driver's Licenses, SSN Cards
- Job Resources
- Veterans Resources



Common Barriers

- Alcohol/Drug dependency
- Mental Disability
- Broken or Dysfunctional Family or Home Life/Support
- Strictly Voluntarily
 May need help but many can and do refuse
 If not a danger to themselves/others, or criminal activity involvement

However, resources are available that a homeless person may need



Goal: Help all those Willing to Accept it

- We try to help in <u>ANY</u> way we can to assist in reducing homelessness
- Flexible/Creative finding solutions to assist with unique needs
- We are constantly evolving

Resources are available to help the homeless



Pathway to Achieving Goal

- Close partnerships with homeless and community resources
- Ride Along Program MHMR, Giving Hope,
 United Way, Point in Time
- Community Resources Book
- Homeless contact daily offering assistance
- Most homeless know Officer Hopper by name/vice versa, from contacts
- New Mental Health Officers (CoCare Team)



CoCare Crisis Team

- Cross trained LPD Mental Health Officers and LFD Paramedics
- Senior Personnel/High Experience Levels
- Special/Additional New Training/Qualifications/Certifications
- Plain clothes Mental Health Officers and Paramedics
- Unmarked units
- Dedicated Team for those in Crisis



CoCare Crisis Team Focus

- Follow up on suicide attempts
- Respond to calls involving homeless individuals
- Work with the homeless
- Provide homeless residents with resources to help them get the assistance
- Follow up on repeated calls involving the elderly
- Assist the elderly with needed resources
- Assist in arson investigations
- LPD officers will only assist as needed



Community Resource Book

(Copy Provided)



✓ We continue to keep an open mind

✓ Evolve with new ideas, new resources

✓ Making significant progress in Reducing homelessness in Lewisville



Questions Or Comments

