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Hi all – please provide feedback on the proposed changes below to the *MGT-401 Planning and Intervention for Security Threat Groups, Hate, and Terrorist Groups in Rural Jails and Prisons* course to me by COB Monday, May 23rd.

The management and planning level course on rural correctional facilities and CVE is on schedule for FEMA recertification and approval. During the recertification and approval process the course developer made a decision to change the name to ***MGT-401 Planning and Intervention for Security Threat Groups, Hate, and Terrorist Groups in Rural Jails and Prisons***. They changed the name based on comments from SME’s in the review process.

. [J]ustification for changing the course title of MGT-401 from “*Planning and Intervention for Gangs, Hate and Terrorist Groups in Rural Jails and Prisons*” to “*Planning and Intervention for Security Threat Groups, Hate, and Terrorist Groups in Rural Jails and Prisons*.”

The following is taken from the website U.S. Legal.com: *Security Threat Group (STG) is a formal or informal group of prison inmates. They are basically the prison gangs. Law enforcement officials use the term Security Threat Group to refer such gangs in order to take away the recognition that the term "gang" connotes. STGs pose threat to the safety of prison officials and other inmates. STGs vary in organization and composition. There are highly structured gangs such as Aryan Brotherhood, and also less formal gangs such as Texas Mafia.*

STGs are basically criminal organizations within the U.S. correctional facilities. However, definitions of STG may vary from state to state. According to the STG Policy formulated by the New Jersey Department of Corrections to control increased gang violence in correctional facilities, the term "Security Threat Group" means a group of inmates, designated by the Commissioner, who may gather together regularly and informally. The gang members possess common characteristics, interests and goals distinguishing them from other inmate groups or other inmates. And the group as a discrete entity poses a threat to the safety of the prison staff, other inmates, and the community. They also interrupt the safe, secure and orderly operation of the correctional facilities [Fraise v. Terhune, 283 F.3d 506, 509-510 (3d Cir. 2002)]. <http://definitions.uslegal.com/s/security-threat-group-stg/>

A security threat group (STG) is any group of three (3) or more persons with recurring threatening or disruptive behavior (i.e., violations of the disciplinary rules where said violations were openly known or conferred benefit upon the group would suffice for a prison environment), including but not limited to gang crime or gang violence (i.e., crime of any sort would automatically make the group a gang, and as a gang in custody it would logically be an STG). In some jurisdictions the Security Threat Group is also

called a "Disruptive Group". STG's or disruptive groups would include any group of three or more inmates who were members of the same street gang, or prison gang, or the same extremist political or ideological group where such extremist ideology is potentially a security problem in the correctional setting (i.e., could inflame attitudes, exacerbate racial tensions, spread hatred, etc). :National Gang Crime Research Center <http://www.ngcrc.com/corr2012.html>

It is the belief that changing the title of this course makes the course more all-inclusive and not limited specifically to prison gangs or hate and terrorist groups.

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