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EXPLANATION OF GANG PROGRAM COMPONENTSb7A
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Synopsis: All field office guidance regarding the components of the FBI's Gang Program.

Details: In April, 2006, the Department of Justice (DOJ) established the National Gang Targeting, Enforcement, and Coordination Center (GangTECC) as part of their Anti-Gang Initiative. GangTECC is headed by a prosecutor from the DOJ Criminal Division (CRM), with participation from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the Bureau of Prisons (BOP), the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the FBI, U. S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and the US Marshals Service (USMS).

With the establishment of GANGTECC, the FBI now has a four unit comprehensive approach to combat violent gangs, consisting of , GangTECC, the Safe Streets and Gang Unit (SSGU), the National Gang Intelligence Center (NGIC) and the MS -13 National Gang Task Force (MS-13 N GTF).

National Gang Targeting, Enforcement,
and Coordination Center

GangTECC is a multi-agency center whose mission is to serve as a critical catalyst in a unified, federal effort to disrupt and dismantle the most violent gangs in the United States as they relate to national security, border protection, and public safety. The center will create law enforcement strategies and facilitate operations across agency lines aimed at dismantling national and trans-national violent gangs. The center will also be responsible for coordinating overlapping investigations, ensuring that tactical and strategic intelligence is shared between law enforcement agencies, and serving as a central coordinating center for multi-jurisdictional gang investigations involving federal law enforcement agencies. This will also allow participating agencies to access and exploit each respective agency's gang intelligence, allow immediate access to operational information in a co-located environment and provide a strong, national deconfliction center for gang operations. GangTECC Program Managers will work closely with both NGIC analysts and individual field offices to properly vet all FBI information prior to release to the other participating agencies.

GangTECC will be co-located with the NGIC to ensure maximum coordination between the two entities. GangTECC will also maintain a close relationship with each of the participating agencies' intelligence centers in order to enhance coordination with these entities. It is important to note that GangTECC is not designed to supplant the anti-gang efforts by the FBI, DEA, ATF, ICE, USMS, or national initiatives such as ICE's Operation Community Shield, FBI's MS -13 NGTF and DOJ's Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN).

Any questions or requests for assistance from the GangTECC should be directed to SSA [redacted] NGIC, [redacted]

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Safe Streets and Gang Unit

In January 1992, the FBI announced the Safe Streets Violent Crime Initiative, designed to allow each Field Office to address violent street gangs and drug-related violence through the establishment of FBI sponsored, proactive task forces focusing on violent gangs, crimes of violence, and the

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apprehension of violent fugitives. The Violent Gang Safe Streets Task Force (VGSSTF) became the vehicle through which all of the federal, state and local law enforcement agencies joined together to address the violent crime plaguing their community. The FBI's Safe Streets and Gang Unit administers 131 VGSSTFs nationwide. FBI VGSSTFs pursue violent gangs through sophisticated, proactive, coordinated investigations to obtain prosecutions under the United States Code, Titles 18 and 21, including violations such as racketeering, drug conspiracy and firearms violations. The VGSSTF concept expands cooperation and communication amongst federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, increasing productivity and avoiding duplication of investigative efforts. Moreover, with PSN expansion to include anti-gang initiatives, the FBI is now participating and actively supporting PSN to ensure maximum effectiveness and inter-agency coordination.

The SSGU also oversees and maintains the FBI's National Gang Strategy (NGS) which was first developed in 1993 and set a goal to address the violent gang problem in the United States by aggressively investigating, disrupting and dismantling violent street gangs, outlaw motorcycle gangs and prison gangs. The gangs listed within the NGS, identified as Special Emphasis Groups (SEGs), were chosen with significant input from local, state and federal criminal justice agencies. Through the VGSSTFs, the FBI has long been involved in the successful prosecution of investigations against such SEGs as the Bloods, Crips, Black P Stone Nation, Gangster Disciples, Latin Kings, Hells Angels Motorcycle Club, the Mexican Mafia, and MS-13.

Any questions regarding the SSGU should be directed to SSA [redacted]
[redacted] Acting Unit Chief, SSGU, [redacted]

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National Gang Intelligence Center

In June 2005, the NGIC was officially established to integrate the gang intelligence assets of the FBI and other federal, state, and local law enforcement entities to serve as a centralized intelligence resource for gang information and analytical support. The center's mission is to support law enforcement agencies through timely and accurate information sharing and strategic/tactical analysis of federal, state, and local law enforcement intelligence focusing on the growth, migration, criminal activity, and association of gangs that pose a significant threat to communities throughout the United States.

The NGIC provides training to assist state and local law enforcement in identifying specific gangs and addressing crime problems associated with particular gangs. The center also provides case specific analytical support for gang related investigations.

The NGIC currently has intelligence analysts on-board from the FBI (21), DEA (2), BOP (1), USMS (1), National Drug Intelligence Center (1), and the ATF (1). In the near future, an analyst from the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) will be on-board full-time. In addition, the NGIC includes a FBI Law Enforcement Executive Fellow, a local law enforcement sworn officer, who acts as a liaison with state and local law enforcement agencies across the country.

Any questions or requests for assistance from the NGIC should be directed to SSA [redacted] NGIC, [redacted]

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MS-13 National Gang Task Force

The FBI's MS-13 NGTF was instituted on 12/06/2004 and is a Criminal Investigative Division supported, multi-jurisdictional, multi-agency coordination effort targeting the MS-13 street gang with cells

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located throughout the United States, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, and Mexico.

The MS-13 NGTF, based at FBIHQ combines the expertise, resources, and jurisdiction of the various agencies involved in investigating and countering MS-13 criminal activity into a single, focused coalition to maximize intelligence, operational effectiveness, and prosecutive potential. The mission of the MS-13 NGTF has been to develop an intelligence driven investigative strategy targeting the command and control structure of the organization utilizing all elements of the intelligence apparatus to coordinate, support and develop international, federal, state, and local law enforcement operations leading to comprehensive MS-13 prosecutions.

Any questions or requests for assistance from the MS-13 NGTF should be directed to SSA [REDACTED] MS-13 NGTF, [REDACTED]

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Use of Special Operations Division in conjunction
with Violent Gang Investigations

In addition to the four units, the Special Operations Division (SOD) serves as the nucleus for focusing FBI, DEA, ICE, and Internal Revenue Service criminal intelligence and investigative resources on key command and control communications devices utilized by national and international Drug Trafficking Criminal Enterprises operating in the United States. SOD has the ability to collect, collate, analyze, evaluate, and disseminate information and intelligence derived from worldwide multi-agency sources, including classified projects. SOD converts extremely sensitive information into usable leads and tips which are passed to the field for real-time enforcement activity against major international CEs. The FBI's efforts at SOD, although centered around the major Colombian and Mexican CEs, also focus on Latin American, Caribbean and major domestic gang organizations. SOD plays a critical role [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SOD interfaces with the SSGU, GangTECC and NGIC regarding major gang criminal enterprise investigations in the field. Therefore, all field offices are required to utilize SOD with respect to violent gang criminal enterprises involved in drug trafficking activities.

Overall program management of the four unit comprehensive approach to combat violent gangs remains with G/CES. Below is the organizational structure of the FBI's violent gang program. Questions regarding program management of these entities should be directed to [REDACTED] Assistant Section Chief, G/CES, [REDACTED] or A. J. Turner, Section Chief, G/CES, [REDACTED]

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