



Federal Bureau of Investigation

Title of Instruction:	IIIO #02/I #01 Intel and Strategy Brief
Time of Instruction:	2 hours
Target Group:	New Agent Trainees (NATs)
Instructor:	ITU IA Instructor ITU Instructor b7E
Methods of Instruction:	Lecture Discussion
Additional Information:	Classroom Requirements: General classroom with standard software and projection equipment.
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Statement of Goals and Objectives

Instructional Goal: Students will be familiar with MS-13 structure and operations and be able to identify reportable information using appropriate intelligence documents.

Instructional Objectives:

After 2 hours of instruction, the New Agent Trainee will be able to:

1. Discuss MS-13 history, structure, and operations.
2. Identify reportable items using [REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED]

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List of Items and Materials

Equipment / Aids Required for Instructor:

- Quantico MS-13
- Quantico MS-13

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Equipment / Aids Required for Students:

- Quantico MS-13
- Quantico MS-13

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Power Point Slides or Overheads:

N/A

Handouts:

ITU Notebook:

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Outline of Activities

Content	Instructor Notes
Grabber: They perpetrate violence, from assaults to homicides using firearms, machetes, or blunt objects--to intimidate rival gangs, law enforcement, and the general public. They often target middle and high school students for recruitment. And they form tenuous alliances...and sometimes vicious rivalries...with other criminal groups, depending on their needs at the time. Who are they? Thesis Statement: It is essential to understand the history, structure, and operation strategy of MS-13 in order to conduct a successful investigation. Additionally a successful investigation involves preparing a thorough [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Needs Statement: The FBI must be thorough and diligent when collecting information [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	b7E
Objective #1: Discuss MS-13 history, structure, and operations. They perpetrate violence, from assaults to homicides using firearms, machetes, or blunt objects--to intimidate rival gangs, law enforcement, and the general public. They often target middle and high school students for recruitment. And they form tenuous alliances...and sometimes vicious rivalries...with other criminal groups, depending on their needs at the time. Who are they? Members of Mara Salvatrucha, better known as MS-13, who are mostly Salvadoran nationals or first generation Salvadoran Americans but also Hondurans, Guatemalans, Mexicans, and other Central and South American immigrants. And according to a recent FBI national threat assessment of this growing, mobile street gang, they could be operating in your community...now or in the near future. Based on information from our own investigations, from our state and local law enforcement partners, and from community organizations we've concluded that while the threat posed by MS-13 to the U.S. as a whole [REDACTED] [REDACTED] membership in parts of the country is so concentrated [REDACTED]	Objective #1 Instructor note: Instructor will provide details of the b7E

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[REDACTED]

Here are some other highlights from our threat assessment:

MS-13 operates in at least 42 states and the District of Columbia and has about 6,000-10,000 members nationwide [REDACTED]

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MS-13 members engage in a wide range of criminal activity, including drug distribution, murder, rape, prostitution, robbery, home invasions, immigration offenses, kidnapping, carjackings/auto thefts, and vandalism. Most of these crimes, you'll notice, have one thing in common--they are exceedingly violent. And while most of the violence is directed towards other MS-13 members or rival street gangs, innocent citizens often get caught in the crossfire.

MS-13 is expanding its membership at a "moderate" rate through recruitment and migration. Some MS-13 members move to get jobs or to be near family members--currently, the southeast and the northeast are seeing the largest increases in membership. MS-13 often recruits new members by glorifying the gang lifestyle (often on the Internet, complete with pictures and videos) and by absorbing smaller gangs.

Speaking of employment, MS-13 members typically work for legitimate businesses by presenting false documentation. They primarily pick employers that don't scrutinize employment documents, especially in the construction, restaurant, delivery service, and landscaping industries.

Right now, MS-13 has no official national leadership structure. MS-13 originated in Los Angeles, but when members migrated eastward, they began forming cliques that for the most part operated independently. These cliques, though, often maintain regular contact with members in other regions to coordinate recruitment/criminal activities and to prevent conflicts. We do believe that Los Angeles gang members have an elevated status among their MS-13 counterparts across the country, a system of respect that could potentially evolve into a more organized national leadership structure.

Objective #2: Identify reportable items using [REDACTED]

Objective #2

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[REDACTED] sets are published at the Bureau and Division levels [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Instructor note:
Instructor will provide the Quantico and answer [REDACTED]

Objective #3: Identify and prioritize

student questions:

Objective #3

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Instructor note:

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Summary/Conclusion:

The NATs now have a better understanding of MS-13. The knowledge of the investigation is essential for continuing the

Assignment:

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Prior to IIIO #04/I #02/SM #02, Methods and Intel Practical 1:

- Each squad will e-mail the instructor their [REDACTED]

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Hour 1	30 min	Introduction and MS-13 Overview	ITU primary instructor, NATs	Lecture/Discussion
	30 min	Reportable Information using [REDACTED] Criteria	ITU primary instructor, NATs	Discussion
Hour 2	60 min	[REDACTED]	ITU primary instructor, NATs	Discussion

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Bibliography

Criminal Investigative Division/Organized Crime Section Definitions
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The MS-13 Threat: A National Assessment

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The Intelligence Informed Investigations and Operations portion of your training revolves around an MS-13 scenario. This is a vehicle to train and exercise three areas –

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[REDACTED] It is an investigation run by NATs, and has been designed to incorporate as much free choice and judgement as possible – you choosing how to investigate. A few administrative notes will get us on track.

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