



*Florida Gang Investigators Association  
Training Department*

**Florida Gang Specialist  
Certification Course  
(Basic)**





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## Course Description

### BASIC GANG SPECIALIST CERTIFICATION

This course will provide law enforcement professionals with the basic information necessary to identify and understand street gangs, street gang members and street gang activities. It describes gang history and migration, gang structures, and national gang trends. The curriculum includes, but is not limited to:

- Review and proper usage of Florida State Statute 874.03
- General definitions involving gangs and gang activity;
- How to properly document a gang, gang member, and gang activity,
- Brief history and development of gangs in the United States;
- Gang Ideology and Typology;
- Gang Migration and evolution of gangs in the United States;
- Indicators of gang activity;
- Gang communications; signs, symbols, graffiti, Handsigns, codes, alphabets;
- National trends in gang activity;
- Much more.

### **Regional Overview of Gangs**

This course will highlight current trends about regional and local gangs. A local legal and cultural overview will be discussed. Discussion topics included, but not limited to:

- Local major gangs and types of activities;
- Local cultural considerations;
- Regional intelligence gathering efforts; and
- Regional legal overview and current prosecution trends.