



FLORIDA GANG INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION OFFICE OF GANG CONTROL STRATEGY

FGIA's Gang Control Strategy Proposal



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The Florida Gang Investigators Association (FGIA) provides leadership in developing and recommending strategies to prevent, control and eliminate gang crime, administer professional training as well as assist criminal justice professionals and the public at large in identifying and tracking gangs, gang members and gang crime throughout Florida.

This is a statewide gang control strategy proposal required by the grave challenge we face – the rise of gang activity is viewed by many as a breakdown in society of which Florida has never seen before. This breakdown is not one dimensional and no one county, region, school, or agency is immune from the threat.

This threat is fueled by an aggressive need by these gangs to instill fear and terrorize communities throughout Florida for the sake of control and making money. This strategy proposal reflects our most solemn obligation: to protect the security and safety of Florida residents and the millions of visitors that vacation in Florida every year.

By way of this proposal, the elected Florida Leadership has an unprecedented opportunity to lay the foundation for what will no doubt be one of the if not the most aggressive and forward thinking plans to date by any state to combat the gang threat within these United States of America.

We must address this threat proactively and establish a vision and a strategy for fighting and winning this war on gangs and promoting a gang free Florida.

We must develop a statewide model and establish gang prevention and intervention programs that give opportunities to those individuals, especially our children, the avenue to ignore the efforts of these gangs to recruit them as new members as well as opportunities to disassociate themselves from the gang and provide them with resources for rehabilitation and successful reentry as a productive citizens of Florida.

We must join our federal and international partners in attacking the growing threat of transnational gangs and addressing those issues related to illegal immigrants who are affiliated and/or associated to criminal street gangs.

We must develop a statewide training & awareness plan for the educational, medical, social worker and psychology professionals at every level to identify this threat as well as the criminal justice professionals to identify, investigate, document, and track and effectively prosecute, if necessary, these gangs and their members throughout Florida.

We have to develop and establish a robust intelligence network dedicated to gathering, analyzing, collating and disseminating gang information pertaining to on-going trends, activities, and crimes while developing strategic plans to proactively engage these gangs before future crimes and growth occur.

We have seen a great deal of attention placed on the growing threat of gang violence at all levels of government in the last 2-years beginning with the State of the Union Address in February 2004.

“Now we need to focus on giving young people, especially young men in our cities, better options than apathy, or gangs, or jail. Tonight I propose a three-year initiative to help organizations keep young people out of gangs, and show young men an ideal of manhood that respects women and rejects violence. Taking on gang life will be one part of a broader outreach to at-risk youth, which involves parents and pastors, coaches and community leaders, in programs ranging from literacy to sports. And I am proud that the leader of this nationwide effort will be our First Lady, Laura Bush.”

*President George W. Bush
Feb. 2, 2004*

The FGIA’s *Florida Gang Control Strategy Proposal* serves as a primary reference manual to assist the Florida Leadership, Criminal Justice Agencies, schools and communities to develop and implement best practices to prevent, deter and eliminate gang activity within Florida. This proposal should serve as a day-to-day strategic tool for those agencies and communities planning individual strategies to eliminate gang crimes within their communities.

The *Florida Gang Control Strategy Proposal* is an all inclusive strategy, which covers best practices for every aspect of the criminal justice system, communities, and State Government.

The “A Gang Free Florida Initiative” is just one of many new initiatives the Florida Gang Investigators Association will be establishing in 2007.

These initiatives are vital to Florida’s success in combating and controlling the impending threat these gangs and their members pose to our communities, schools, jails and prisons. We urge you to consider the initiatives enclosed within this proposal and join the FGIA in this war on gangs. The safety and security of each child and every community, school, jail or prison is at risk if this threat is ignored.

For additional information on the Florida Gang Investigators Association, please visit the FGIA website address, www.fgia.com.

For additional information on A Gang Free Florida, please visit the GFF website address, www.gangfreeflorida.com.

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