

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE April 5, 2019

TO Honorable Members of the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

SUBJECT **Overview of Dallas Police Department Gang Unit**

On Monday, April 8, 2019, you will be briefed on an overview of the Dallas Police Department's Gang Unit. Founded in 1989, the Dallas Police Department's Gang Unit is charged with the responsibility of identifying and tracking both juvenile and adult criminal street gangs, their members, and gang related crimes as they occur throughout the City of Dallas. In addition to tracking gang related activity, the Gang Unit participates in extensive community involvement, briefs patrol officers on gang related information, and collaborates with multiple local, state, and federal agencies.

This briefing contains statistical data related to gangs and information on the Gang Unit's activities. Additional topics will include successes and future challenges regarding gang related crime in Dallas.

The briefing materials are attached for your review. Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

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Assistant City Manager

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Presentation Overview

- Purpose
- Background/History
- Gang Unit Overview
- Next Steps

Purpose

- Provide an overview of the Dallas Police Department Gang Unit
- Highlight community engagement
- Discuss the unit's holistic approach
 - Gangs, Guns and Drugs
 - Collaborative Investigations

Background/History

Since 1989 the Dallas Police Department's Gang Unit has identified over 6,000 documented members from over 400 criminal street gangs operating in the Dallas area

Dallas Gang Membership

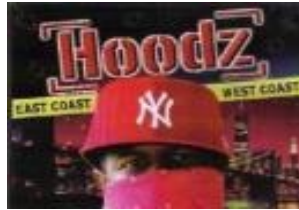
Descriptor	Count	Percentage
Documented Gangs	386	
Documented Gang Members	6109	
Documented Female Gang Members	91	2%
Documented Male Gang Members	6018	98%



Gang Unit Overview

- Texas Penal Code 71.01:
“Criminal Street Gang” means three or more persons having a common identifying sign or symbol or an identifiable leadership who continuously or regularly associate in the commission of criminal activities
- Charged with the responsibility of identifying and tracking juvenile and adult criminal street gangs, their members, and the gang related crime as it occurs throughout the City of Dallas

Gang Unit Responsibilities



- Outreach/education
- Identify and document
- Offense tracking
- Case processing
- Community impact

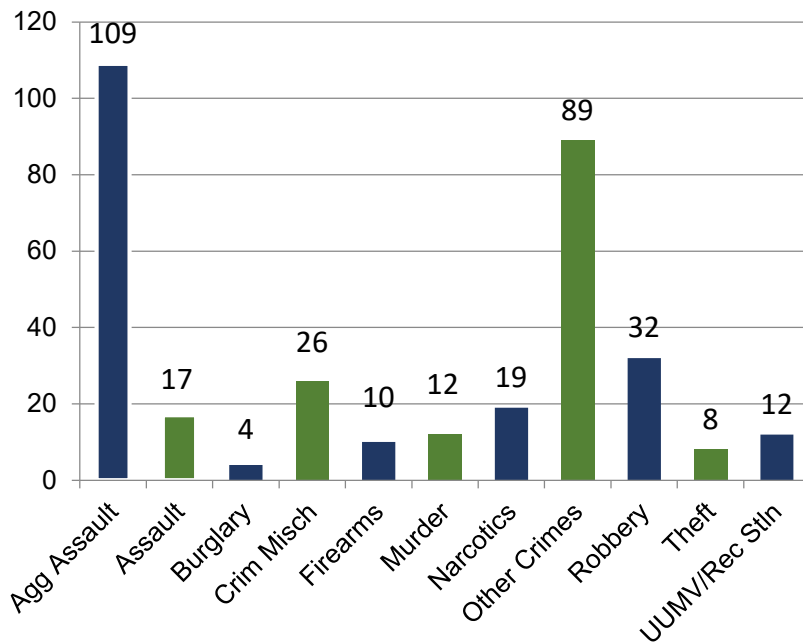
Gang Unit Staffing



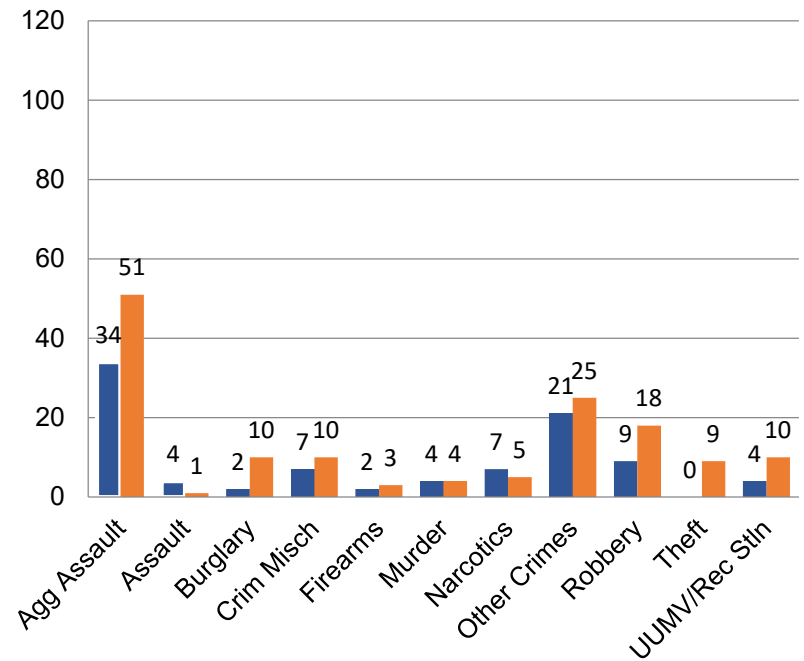
- 1 Lieutenant
- 3 Sergeants
- 5 Enforcement Officers
- 5 Gang Detectives
- 2 Intel Officers
- 1 Civilian analyst
- 4 Task force officers
- 11 Disruption Officers
- 47 Liaison/Enrichment Officers ⁸

Dallas Gang Related Activity

Gang Related Offenses (2018)



■ 2018(YTD) ■ 2019(YTD)



YTD statistics as of April 1, 2017 / 2018 respectively

Dallas Gang Enforcement Activity

Unit Activity	2016	2017	2018	2018(YTD)	2019(YTD)
Arrest Assist	159	73	359	78	120
City Arrest	119	29	134	39	18
Felony Arrest	96	51	245	56	78
Investigative Arrest	98	12	157	35	48
Calls	644	140	553	107	270
Citations	134	4	552	16	45
Drugs	46	33	236	66	49
Guns	50	50	119	47	48
Traffic Stops	569	220	1438	385	667
Ped Stops	1285	476	1764	483	417
Gang Cards	412	175	756	273	267
Offenses Cleared	47	2	41	6	17
Cases Assigned	103	24	81	50	47

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Local, State, & Federal Partnerships

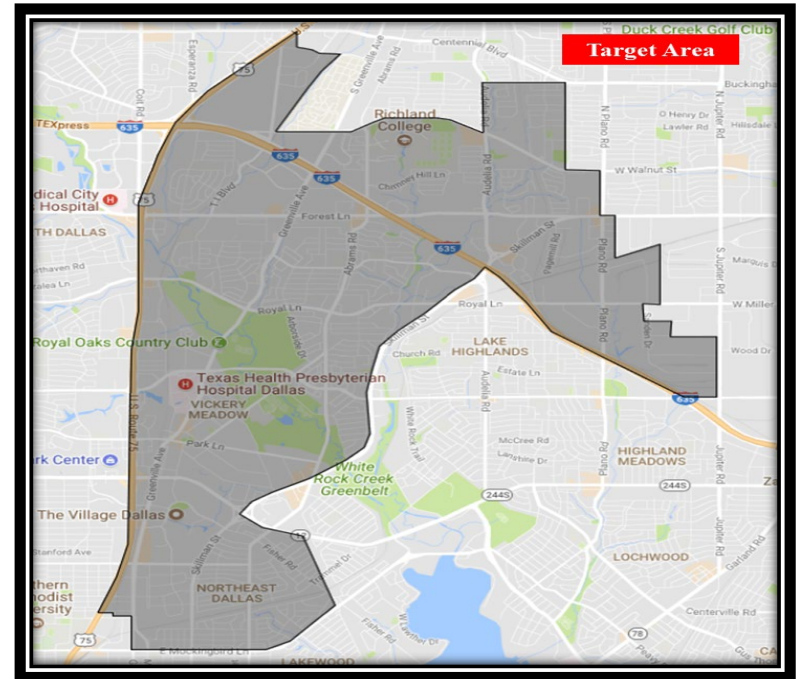
- Texas Anti-Gang Center
- Ongoing collaborative anti-gang operations
 - Dallas ISD
 - Dallas County District Attorney's Office
 - FBI
 - ATF
 - HSI
 - DPS



Local, State, & Federal Partnerships

Project Safe Neighborhood

- Dubbed “Operation Badge #10934” in honor of fallen Dallas Police Officer Rogelio Santander, Dallas PSN was launched in February 2018 to tackle increasing violent crime
- In eight months, the hotspot experienced a 19.9% reduction in violent crime
- Dallas’ Project Safe Neighborhoods Taskforce earned one of just two “Outstanding Overall Partnership” awards from the U.S. Department of Justice



Local, State, & Federal Partnerships

- Bandidos Motorcycle Gang 53rd Annual Birthday Run
 - MARCH 8-10, 2019
 - Multi-jurisdictional (DPD, DPS, Cedar Hill PD, Desoto PD, Lancaster, Grand Prairie, Hutchins)
 - Dallas Gang Unit Results:
 - Traffic Stops: 110
 - Gang Documentation: 84
 - Citations: 6
 - Arrests: 6
 - Gun Seized: 8



Gang Unit Overview

New Generation

- “Money over everything”



Community Involvement

- Community Unity Festival
 - Tasby Middle School – festival to bridge the gap between police and community
- Gang Presentation
 - Lake Highlands High School – presentation on gang awareness, 2,000 students
- Mentoring Program
 - Lake Highlands High School – Officers mentoring students who are in detention classes, resume prep
- Dallas Mavericks Gamers
 - Gang Officers played games with 50 students
- Job Fairs
 - Gang unit participated in job fairs hosted by community affairs
- STAND N THE GAP
 - Gang officers take young kids to sporting events

Next Steps

- Departmental in-service training
 - Basic Gang 101
 - Gang Updates
- Life Skills Training
 - Teaching students financial literacy, basic life skills
- Criminal Justice Classes
 - Officers are working with students in local high schools

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