

## Safe and Clean Initiative Round 2 Monthly Updates

**Team name:** Develop and Distribute Gang Resource Inventory

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**Team goal:** Develop and distribute needed, timely, and accurate information, to disrupt the cycle of multi-generational gang activity.

The team recognizes that gang activity is an umbrella for a number of crimes. The multi-generational culture and associated phases of gang involvement makes resource coordination difficult. For example, resources for after school activities for at risk youth, graffiti abatement to disrupt gang communications, and job training, to reduce recidivism for former gang members released from the judicial system, are broadly distributed through the community; geographically, organizationally, and over time.

In order to disrupt the cycle of multi-generational gang activity, a planned system of collecting, processing, storing and disseminating data, in the form of information needed to connect community resources, when and where they are needed most, is necessary.

The team recognizes that development of a planned system for the collection and dissemination of information, while simple in concept, is complicated by the broad distribution of community resources. These resources, both governmental and non governmental, vary in scope and location; and change over time. The development of a planned system for the distribution of needed, timely, and accurate information will need to optimize the use of technology and also require a significant effort of community engagement, particularly for non-governmental resources. To accomplish this, the team anticipates the use of pilot projects.

*(Feel free to draw on your work plan)*

**Team accomplishments:**

Team accomplishments include:

- 1) Define the multi-generational culture and associated phases of gang involvement.
- 2) Take inventory and evaluate resources already available within the community.
- 3) Determine best channels, facilitate and disseminate information.
- 4) Development of a sustainable plan

At this time the team has developed a pilot project and associated community engagement plan. The pilot project is planned to start in January, 2010.

**Team Performance Measures:**

Performance Measures for pilot project to disrupt gang communication:

Resources	Output	Responsible Party
1. ICMA Metrics	# of volunteer compliance	BLUS/CC
2. Existing surveys	# of code enforcements	BLUS/CC
3. Neighborhood patrols	Cycle time – mailed out to compliance (selected ICMA metrics)	BLUS/CC
4. Neighborhood groups	# of postcards sent ou	BLUS/CC
5. List of active neighborhood groups	Focus group responses	Safe Sts/CBS
6. 2008 baseline data related to graffiti	Survey postcard recipients	BLUS
7. The other graffiti resource team	Windshield survey	

*(Include two to five measures, including at least one that demonstrates community involvement)*

**Next steps and opportunities to get involved:**

The next step for the team is a pilot project, focused on disrupting gang communication. Experts say graffiti is often a means for gangs to communicate and/or mark their territory. With that in mind, the goal of the pilot project is to help improve the dissemination of information on where graffiti is occurring in the community and what resources are available to help combat it.

With the help of the Community Based Services team, Tacoma Police Sector 4-4 was identified as an area greatly affected by unwanted graffiti. Our team has developed a plan to distribute needed, timely,

and accurate information; linking residents in this pilot area who were tagged with community resources, such as neighborhood patrols to help with prevention and volunteers that can help with cleanup.

By connecting crime victims with community resources, we will be raising awareness and building a stronger network and community that can help eliminate unwanted graffiti and break a channel of gang communications.

*(What's on your agenda, how can employees or citizens participate)*

Contact either Charlie Solverson or Rich Price if you are interested in participating in the team.