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Executive Summary

During spring 2010, the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission's (ACJC) Statistical Analysis Center (SAC) surveyed law enforcement officers in Arizona regarding gangs and gang activity within their respective jurisdictions. The SAC gang threat assessment survey was modeled after the *National Gang Threat Assessment*, conducted by the National Alliance of Gang Investigators Associations in partnership with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, National Drug Intelligence Center, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. The SAC survey contained questions for law enforcement officials concerning the presence of gangs within their jurisdictions, the level of gang activity, the involvement of gang members in crime and illegal drug distribution, the extent of cross-gang coordination, and law enforcement strategies targeting gang members. The following report provides Greenlee County and statewide results from the 2009 survey administration, including trend data collected during prior administrations of the gang threat assessment survey in 2007 and 2008. Additional state and county reports are available at <http://www.azcjc.gov/ACJC.Web/publications/publications.aspx?ServId=1000>.

Findings

- The single Greenlee County law enforcement agency that responded to the survey administered in 2010 reported an active gang presence within its jurisdiction in 2009. Unfortunately, the agency was not able to provide an estimate of the number of gang members.
- The Greenlee County agency with a gang presence reported that gangs were not expanding their membership and scope of activities. The agency also reported that gang activity did not change during the previous six month, 12 month, and five year periods.
- The agency did not report crimes that gangs were committing, and when given a list of crimes, the agency listed the level of involvement by gangs as "unknown."
- The agency with a gang presence reported that gangs had a low level of involvement in the distribution of heroin, marijuana, methamphetamine, pharmaceuticals, and powdered cocaine within its jurisdiction.
- The Aryan Brotherhood, Hispanic Sureños (SUR 13), Mexican Mafia/La Eme, and the Skinheads were all listed as having a low level of involvement within the one jurisdiction reporting gang activity.
- When asked about gang intervention strategies, the law enforcement agency with a gang presence identified community programs, enforcement, identification of gang members, and school programs as the effective strategies used when responding to gangs and gang activity in its jurisdiction.

Introduction

During the spring of 2010, the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission's Statistical Analysis Center surveyed law enforcement officers in Arizona regarding their perceptions and experiences with gangs, gang members, and gang activity within their respective jurisdictions. This report examines and summarizes the results from the *Arizona Gang Threat Assessment* and fulfills ACJC's statutory requirement to conduct an annual survey that measures the prevalence of gang activity in Arizona using available monies per Arizona Revised Statute §41-2416. Although no funds were specifically appropriated to carry out the *Arizona Gang Threat Assessment*, effectively addressing gangs and gang activity presented a significant challenge to Arizona's law enforcement agencies and the criminal justice system. For this reason, ACJC continues to collect and share information on gangs and gang activity using existing resources.

Research Methods

Since 1990, ACJC has administered a gang survey to state, county, tribal, and local law enforcement agencies throughout Arizona. In 2007, the *Arizona Gang Threat Assessment* replaced the original *Arizona Gang Survey* because of feedback from the law enforcement community in Arizona requesting a more in-depth analysis of current threats posed by gangs. The *Arizona Gang Threat Assessment* was modeled after the *National Gang Threat Assessment*. The national assessment is a project of the National Alliance of Gang Investigators Associations in partnership with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the National Drug Intelligence Center and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The first national assessment was conducted in 2005 with surveys being sent out to hundreds of gang investigators across the nation.

Two law enforcement agencies throughout Greenlee County received the *Arizona Gang Threat Assessment* in 2010, which asked a series of questions about gangs and gang activity within their respective jurisdictions during 2009. The survey was designed to gather information on gangs, gang members, gang activity, and other pertinent information to better understand the threat gangs pose to public safety. Of the two surveys distributed to law enforcement agencies in Greenlee County, one (50.0 percent) agency returned a survey to the SAC.

Gangs in Greenlee County and Arizona

Total Gang Membership

The one law enforcement agency in Greenlee County that responded to SAC's request for gang information reported that gangs and gang activity were present within its jurisdiction. This is the same agency that reported gangs in its jurisdiction during 2007 and 2008 (Table 1). The agency reporting gang activity was not able to estimate the number of active gang members present in its jurisdiction.

Table 1: Number of Law Enforcement Agencies that Reported Gangs, 2007-2009								
	2007		2008		2009		2009 Arizona	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	1	50.0%	1	50.0%	1	100.0%	59	75.6%
No	1	50.0%	1	50.0%	0	0.0%	19	24.4%
Unsure/Don't know	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Level of Gang Activity Over Time

The agency in Greenlee County that reported a gang presence in its jurisdiction was asked to rate the level of gang activity and whether gang membership and gang activities were expanding. The agency in Greenlee County reported that gangs within its jurisdiction were not expanding their membership and scope of activities, compared to half of the agencies across the state reporting that gangs were expanding (Table 2).

Table 2: Percentage of Jurisdictions Reporting Gangs Expanding their Scope of Activities (Of the Jurisdictions Reporting Gang Activity)				
	2007	2008	2009	2009 Arizona
Yes	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%
No	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	46.4%
Unsure/Don't Know	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	3.6%
Total Responses	1	1	1	56

When asked to rate the level of gang activity in its jurisdiction, the agency with a gang presence reported that gang activity did not change over the six months, 12 months, and five years prior to the survey (Figure 1).

Figure 1

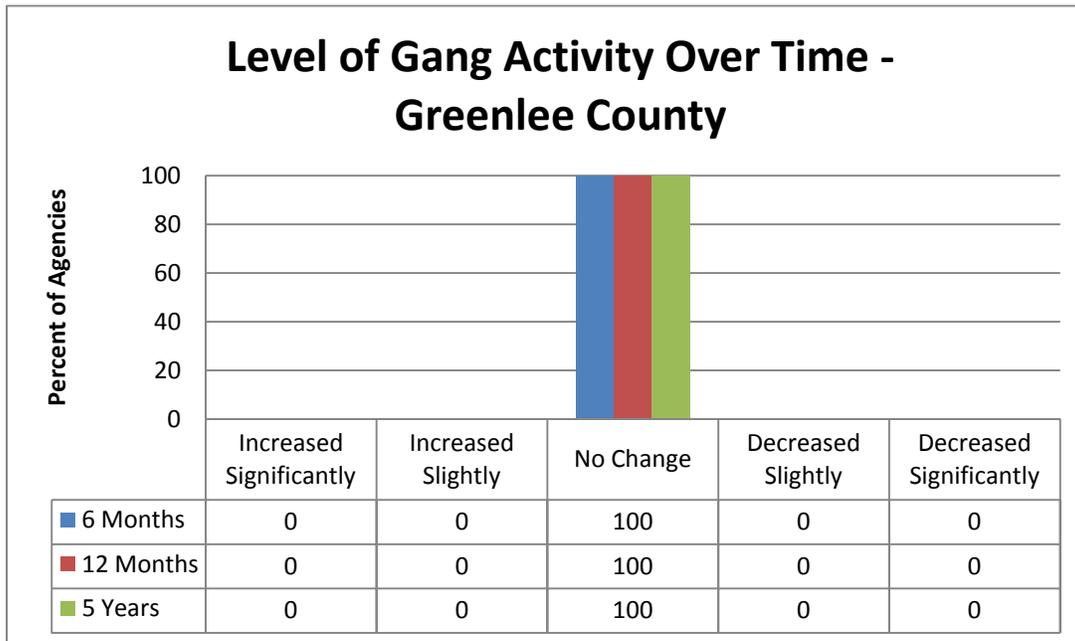
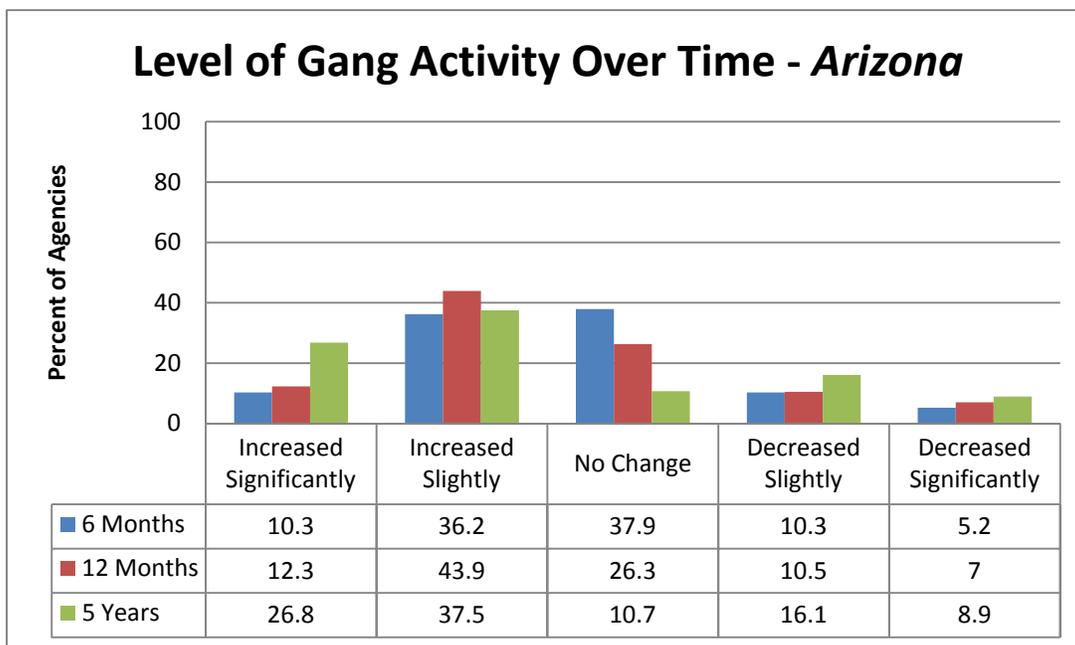


Figure 2



Gang Involvement in Crimes and Drugs

The agency with a gang presence did not report any primary crimes committed by gangs within its jurisdiction. This question was open-ended, and respondents were asked to list the crimes that were being committed by gangs in their jurisdictions with no limit to the number and types of crimes they could report.

Agencies also rated the level of gang involvement within their jurisdictions for 15 specific crime categories. Agencies ranked the level of gang involvement for each type of crime based on the following five categories: high, moderate, low, none, and unknown gang involvement. This categorical question provides consistent measurement over time for the level of gang involvement across a predetermined set of violent and property crimes.

The agency in Greenlee County with a gang presence reported that the level of gang involvement in all of the crimes listed was "unknown." The only exception was murder, for which the agency did not respond (Table 3).

Table 3: Level of Gang Involvement in Crime (Of the Jurisdictions Reporting Gang Activity)						
	Year	High	Moderate	Low	None	Unknown
Arson	2007	-	-	-	-	100.0%
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	-	100.0%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>3.4%</i>	<i>5.2%</i>	<i>19.0%</i>	<i>46.6%</i>	<i>25.9%</i>
Auto Theft	2007	-	100.0%	-	-	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	-	100.0%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>12.1%</i>	<i>39.7%</i>	<i>20.7%</i>	<i>19.0%</i>	<i>8.6%</i>
Burglary	2007	100.0%	-	-	-	-
	2008	-	100.0%	-	-	-
	2009	-	-	-	-	100.0%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>22.4%</i>	<i>41.4%</i>	<i>19.0%</i>	<i>6.9%</i>	<i>10.3%</i>
Felonious Assault	2007	-	100.0%	-	-	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	-	100.0%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>17.5%</i>	<i>35.1%</i>	<i>28.1%</i>	<i>10.5%</i>	<i>8.8%</i>
Firearms Trafficking	2007	-	-	100.0%	-	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	-	100.0%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>5.3%</i>	<i>22.8%</i>	<i>24.6%</i>	<i>26.3%</i>	<i>21.1%</i>
Fraud	2007	-	100.0%	-	-	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	-	100.0%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>13.0%</i>	<i>14.8%</i>	<i>27.8%</i>	<i>20.4%</i>	<i>24.1%</i>
Human Trafficking	2007	-	100.0%	-	-	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	-	100.0%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>8.8%</i>	<i>17.5%</i>	<i>14.0%</i>	<i>31.6%</i>	<i>28.1%</i>

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Identity Theft	2007	100.0%	-	-	-	-
	2008	-	-	-	-	100.0%
	2009	-	-	-	-	100.0%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>12.3%</i>	<i>22.8%</i>	<i>21.1%</i>	<i>21.1%</i>	<i>22.8%</i>
Intimidation/Extortion	2007	100.0%	-	-	-	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	-	100.0%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>15.5%</i>	<i>31.0%</i>	<i>31.0%</i>	<i>6.9%</i>	<i>15.5%</i>
Kidnapping	2007	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	-	100.0%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>3.5%</i>	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>31.6%</i>	<i>42.1%</i>	<i>21.1%</i>
Prostitution	2007	-	-	-	-	100.0%
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	-	100.0%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>5.3%</i>	<i>14.0%</i>	<i>40.4%</i>	<i>38.6%</i>
Robbery	2007	-	-	100.0%	-	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	-	100.0%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>12.1%</i>	<i>29.3%</i>	<i>25.9%</i>	<i>20.7%</i>	<i>12.1%</i>
Sexual Assault/Rape	2007	-	-	100.0%	-	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	-	100.0%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>5.3%</i>	<i>31.6%</i>	<i>36.8%</i>	<i>24.6%</i>
Vandalism/Graffiti/Tagging	2007	100.0%	-	-	-	-
	2008	100.0%	-	-	-	-
	2009	-	-	-	-	100.0%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>57.1%</i>	<i>28.6%</i>	<i>8.9%</i>	-	<i>5.4%</i>
Murder	2007	-	-	-	-	100.0%
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>3.6%</i>	<i>14.3%</i>	<i>28.6%</i>	<i>44.6%</i>	<i>8.9%</i>

In addition to the level of gang involvement by crime type, agencies were asked to rate the level of gang involvement in the distribution of various illegal drugs. The agency with a gang presence reported that gangs had a low level of involvement in the manufacture, street sale, and wholesale of drugs as well as the distribution of marijuana grows (Table 4). More specifically, the agency reported a low level of involvement in the distribution of heroin, marijuana, methamphetamine, pharmaceuticals, and powdered cocaine.

Table 4: Gang Involvement in the Distribution of Drugs (Of the Jurisdictions Reporting Gang Activity)						
		High	Moderate	Low	None	Unknown
Drugs – Manufacture	2007	-	-	100.0%	-	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	100.0%	-	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	-	10.5%	36.8%	21.1%	31.6%
Drugs – Street Sales	2007	100.0%	-	-	-	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	100.0%	-	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	29.3%	36.2%	27.6%	-	6.9%
Drugs – Wholesale	2007	100.0%	-	-	-	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	100.0%	-	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	5.2%	29.3%	31.0%	8.6%	25.9%
Marijuana Grows	2007	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2008	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2009	-	-	100.0%	-	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	-	5.2%	41.4%	20.7%	32.8%
Heroin	2007	-	100.0%	-	-	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	100.0%	-	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	10.3%	29.3%	24.1%	19.0%	17.2%
Marijuana	2007	100.0%	-	-	-	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	100.0%	-	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	44.8%	29.3%	15.5%	3.4%	6.9%
Methamphetamine	2007	100.0%	-	-	-	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	100.0%	-	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	31.6%	36.8%	14.0%	8.8%	8.8%
Pharmaceuticals	2007	100.0%	-	-	-	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	100.0%	-	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	6.9%	24.1%	32.8%	10.3%	25.9%
Powdered Cocaine	2007	-	100.0%	-	-	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	100.0%	-	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	6.9%	13.8%	43.1%	20.7%	15.5%
Crack Cocaine	2007	-	-	100.0%	-	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	100.0%	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	10.3%	12.1%	29.3%	32.8%	15.5%
MDMA (Ecstasy) and analogs	2007	-	100.0%	-	-	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	100.0%	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	-	17.2%	27.6%	29.3%	25.9%

Level of Activity by Gang

Law enforcement agencies reported the level of activity within their jurisdictions for 26 specific gangs. The list of gangs in the Arizona Gang Threat Assessment was selected based on the gangs listed in the National Gang Threat Assessment, allowing for a state and national comparison.

According to the 2009 response from the one agency with a gang presence, the Aryan Brotherhood, Hispanic Sureños (SUR 13), Mexican Mafia/La Eme, and the Skinheads were all listed as having a low level of involvement in the jurisdiction (Table 5).

Table 5: Level of Activity by Gang (Of the Jurisdictions Reporting Gang Activity)						
	Year	High	Moderate	Low	Not Applicable	Unknown
Aryan Brotherhood	2007	Not Included in 2007 Survey				
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	100.0%	-	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>5.3%</i>	<i>15.8%</i>	<i>45.6%</i>	<i>22.8%</i>	<i>10.5%</i>
Hispanic Sureños (SUR 13)	2007	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	100.0%	-	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>24.6%</i>	<i>33.3%</i>	<i>24.6%</i>	<i>12.3%</i>	<i>5.3%</i>
Mexican Mafia/La Eme	2007	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	100.0%	-	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>12.3%</i>	<i>15.8%</i>	<i>38.6%</i>	<i>21.1%</i>	<i>12.3%</i>
Skinheads	2007	-	-	100.0%	-	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	100.0%	-	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>5.3%</i>	<i>14.0%</i>	<i>42.1%</i>	<i>28.1%</i>	<i>10.5%</i>
18 th Street Gang	2007	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2008	-	-	-	-	100.0%
	2009	-	-	-	100.0%	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>28.1%</i>	<i>59.6%</i>	<i>10.5%</i>
Almighty P Stone Nation	2007	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	100.0%	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>7.0%</i>	<i>75.4%</i>	<i>17.5%</i>
Asian Gangs (all sets)	2007	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	100.0%	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>12.5%</i>	<i>66.1%</i>	<i>21.4%</i>
Bandidos OMG	2007	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	100.0%	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>19.3%</i>	<i>66.7%</i>	<i>12.3%</i>
Black Gangster Disciples	2007	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	100.0%	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>3.5%</i>	<i>10.5%</i>	<i>70.2%</i>	<i>14.0%</i>
Bloods (all sets)	2007	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	100.0%	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>14.0%</i>	<i>14.0%</i>	<i>33.3%</i>	<i>26.3%</i>	<i>12.3%</i>

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Border Brothers	2007	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	100.0%	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	-	<i>3.6%</i>	<i>28.6%</i>	<i>57.1%</i>	<i>10.7%</i>
Crips (all sets)	2007	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	100.0%	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>15.8%</i>	<i>19.3%</i>	<i>26.3%</i>	<i>28.1%</i>	<i>10.5%</i>
Gangster Disciples	2007	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	100.0%	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>21.1%</i>	<i>64.9%</i>	<i>10.5%</i>
Hells Angels OMG	2007	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	100.0%	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>5.3%</i>	<i>28.1%</i>	<i>29.8%</i>	<i>29.8%</i>	<i>7.0%</i>
Hispanic Norteños (14)	2007	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	100.0%	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>3.5%</i>	<i>8.8%</i>	<i>40.4%</i>	<i>38.6%</i>	<i>8.8%</i>
La Nuestra Familia	2007	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	100.0%	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>10.5%</i>	<i>64.9%</i>	<i>21.1%</i>
La Raza	2007	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	100.0%	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	-	-	<i>14.0%</i>	<i>73.7%</i>	<i>12.3%</i>
Latin Kings	2007	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	100.0%	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	-	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>31.6%</i>	<i>54.4%</i>	<i>12.3%</i>
Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13)	2007	-	-	100.0%	-	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	100.0%	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	-	<i>5.3%</i>	<i>42.1%</i>	<i>40.4%</i>	<i>12.3%</i>
Mexikanemi (Texas Mexican Mafia)	2007	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	100.0%	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	-	-	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>78.6%</i>	<i>19.6%</i>
Neighborhood-based Drug Trafficking Groups/Crews	2007	-	100.0%	-	-	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	100.0%	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>8.6%</i>	<i>29.3%</i>	<i>22.4%</i>	<i>32.8%</i>	<i>6.9%</i>
Outlaws OMG	2007	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	100.0%	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	-	<i>3.6%</i>	<i>12.5%</i>	<i>69.6%</i>	<i>14.3%</i>
Pagans OMG	2007	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	100.0%	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	-	-	<i>8.9%</i>	<i>78.6%</i>	<i>12.5%</i>
Texas Syndicate	2007	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	100.0%	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	-	-	<i>3.5%</i>	<i>75.4%</i>	<i>21.1%</i>

UBN	2007	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	100.0%	-
Arizona	2009	-	1.8%	8.9%	66.1%	23.2%
Vice Lords	2007	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	100.0%	-
Arizona	2009	-	1.8%	10.5%	68.4%	19.3%

Level of Gang Coordination

The survey also contained questions regarding gangs coordinating their activity with other gangs. The one agency with a gang presence in Greenlee County reported that gangs were not coordinating with other gangs in its jurisdiction (Table 6).

Table 6: Gang Coordination with Other Gangs (Of the Jurisdictions Reporting Gang Activity)				
	2007	2008	2009	2009 Arizona
Yes	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	44.6%
No	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%	42.9%
Unsure/Don't Know	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	12.5%
Total Responses	1	1	1	56

Most Effective Gang Responses

Agency respondents provided information pertaining to which strategies have been the most effective in their respective jurisdictions when responding to gangs. Prior to 2009, agencies were asked to simply list any strategies that were effective within their jurisdictions. To make responses more consistent over time, researchers changed the question in the 2009 Arizona Gang Threat Assessment by instructing agency representatives to select from a number of response categories. The new response categories provide a range of activities that may not have been previously considered by the respondents during prior survey administrations. For this reason, the change in the structure of the question is a likely explanation for the large increases in some categories of interdiction, intervention, and suppression strategies.

Community programs, enforcement, identification of gang members, and school programs were the strategies listed as being effective in responding to gangs within the Greenlee County jurisdiction encountering a gang presence (Table 7).

Table 7: Effective Gang Interdiction, Intervention, or Suppression Strategies

	2007		2008		2009		2009 Arizona	
	Number of Agencies	Percent of Agencies						
Community Programs	1	100.0%	0	0.0%	1	100.0%	8	13.6%
Enforcement	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	100.0%	46	78.0%
Identification of Gang Members	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	100.0%	39	66.1%
School Programs	1	100.0%	0	0.0%	1	100.0%	17	28.8%
GIITEM	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	34	57.6%
Joint Efforts with Other Agencies	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	29	49.2%
Gang Crime/Intelligence Data Analyses	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	22	37.3%
Law Enforcement Gang Units	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	19	32.2%
Special Prosecution Programs	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	13	22.0%

Task Force Participation

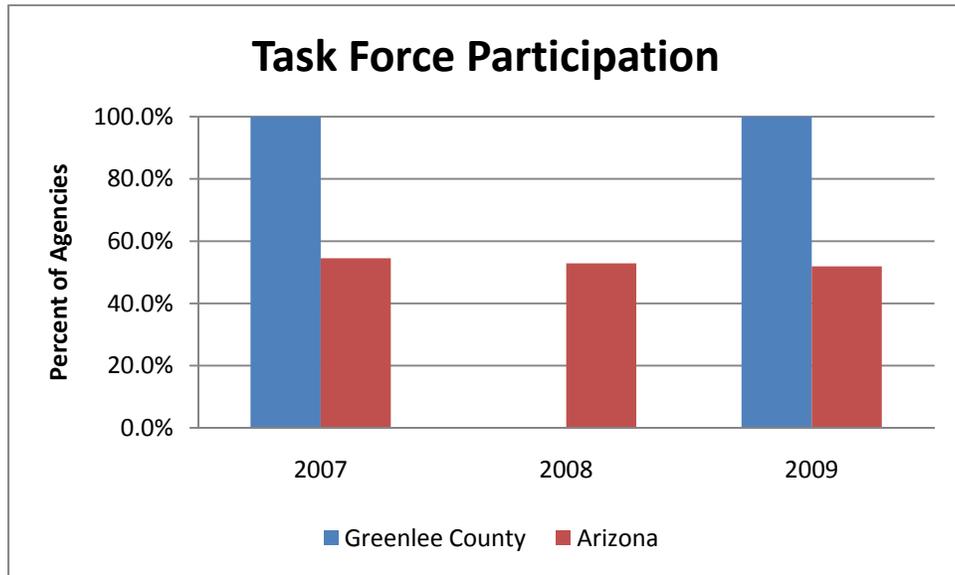
Under the direction of the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS), the Gang Intelligence and Immigration Team Enforcement Mission (GIITEM) assists criminal justice agencies statewide with multi-agency collaboration for criminal gang enforcement and investigative strategies. GIITEM brings together law enforcement agencies from federal, state, county, municipal, and tribal jurisdictions in a coordinated, intelligence-driven approach to suppress gang on a large scale.

In 2006, after several years of declining resources and downsizing operations resulting from state revenue shortfalls, DPS received funding to revitalize GIITEM and enhance its mission to include combating illegal immigration and human smuggling. More specifically, GIITEM is charged with:

- 1) Deterring criminal gang activity through investigations, arrest and prosecution;
- 2) Dismantling gang-related criminal enterprises;
- 3) Deterring border-related crimes;
- 4) Disrupting human smuggling organizations;
- 5) Collecting, analyzing and disseminating gang and illegal immigration intelligence; and
- 6) Providing anti-gang awareness training to communities and schools.

In the 2007 and 2008 Arizona Gang Threat Assessment, agencies were asked if they *participate* or *lead* a multi-agency task force. In 2009, agencies were only asked if they *participate* in a multi-agency gang task force. In 2009, the agency in Greenlee County with a gang presence reportedly participated in a multi-agency task force (Figure 3).

Figure 3



Conclusion

Gang activity continues to negatively affect many law enforcement jurisdictions in communities throughout Arizona. One agency in Greenlee County reported gang involvement in drug distribution within its jurisdiction during 2009. The law enforcement agency reported a low level of gang involvement in the distribution of heroin, marijuana, methamphetamine, pharmaceuticals, and powdered cocaine. When asked about the level of involvement in various crimes, the level of involvement was "unknown."

The active gangs identified by the Greenlee County law enforcement agency with a gang presence were the Aryan Brotherhood, Hispanic Sureños (SUR 13), Mexican Mafia/La Eme, and the Skinheads. These gangs were listed as having a low level of involvement in the agency's jurisdiction.

The law enforcement agency with a gang presence reported that gang activity in its jurisdiction did not change during the six months, 12 months, and five years prior to filling out the survey. The agency also reported that gangs were not expanding their scope of activities and were not coordinating with other gangs. While the level of gang activity within the Greenlee County agency's jurisdiction appears to be low, the agency did report being a member of a multi-agency task force in 2009.

The data collected from local law enforcement agencies illustrates what many working in the criminal justice system already know: at least one Greenlee County community, communities across the state, and the law enforcement agencies that serve these communities continue to face a gang problem. Through the research work of the SAC, ACJC intends for the Greenlee County gang profile and the state gang report to inform policy makers, practitioners, and other stakeholders on gangs and gang activity both at the state and county level.