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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, titled the *Arizona Gang Threat Assessment*, 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 Santa Cruz 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 Santa Cruz 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 Santa Cruz County agency with a gang presence reported that gangs were not expanding their membership and scope of activities in 2009. The agency also reported that gang activity did not change during the previous six months; however, activity increased slightly in the prior one and five year periods.
- The single agency reported that gangs had a moderate level of involvement in vandalism/graffiti/tagging and a low level of involvement in burglary and intimidation/extortion. Gangs within the jurisdiction were also reportedly involved in property crimes and drug sales.
- The agency with a gang presence reported that gangs had a moderate level of involvement in the distribution of marijuana and MDMA as well as a low level of involvement in the distribution of powdered cocaine within the agency's jurisdiction.
- The Latin Kings and Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13) were 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, gang crime/intelligence data analyses, GIITEM, joint efforts with other agencies, and school programs as the effective strategies used in response to gangs and gang activity within its jurisdiction.

Introduction

During spring 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 presents a significant challenge to Arizona's law enforcement agencies and the criminal justice system. For this reason, the ACJC continues to collect and share information on gangs and gang activity using existing resources.

Research Methods

Since 1990, the 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.

Three law enforcement agencies throughout Santa Cruz 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 three surveys distributed to law enforcement agencies in Santa Cruz County, one (33.3 percent) agency returned a survey to the SAC.

Gangs in Santa Cruz County and Arizona

Total Gang Membership

The one law enforcement agency in Santa Cruz County that responded to the SAC’s request for gang information reported that gangs and gang activity were present within its jurisdiction. This is a decrease from two agencies that reported gangs in their jurisdictions 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	2	66.7%	2	66.7%	1	100.0%	59	75.6%
No	0	0.0%	1	33.3%	0	0.0%	19	24.4%
Unsure/Don't know	1	33.3%	0	0.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Level of Gang Activity Over Time

The agency reporting a gang presence within its Santa Cruz County jurisdiction was asked to rate the level of gang activity and whether gang membership and gang activities were expanding during

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%	100.0%	0.0%	50.0%
No	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	46.4%
Unsure/Don't Know	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.6%
Total Responses	2	2	1	56

2009. The agency in Santa Cruz 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).

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 prior six months but activity increased slightly in the 12 months and five years prior to filling out the survey (Figure 1).

Figure 1

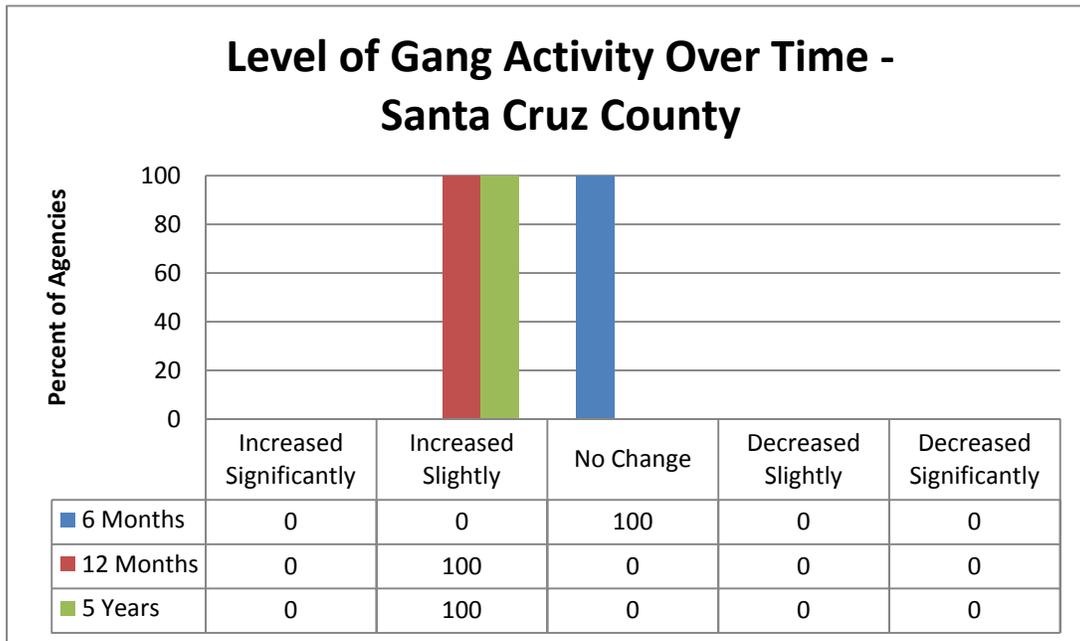
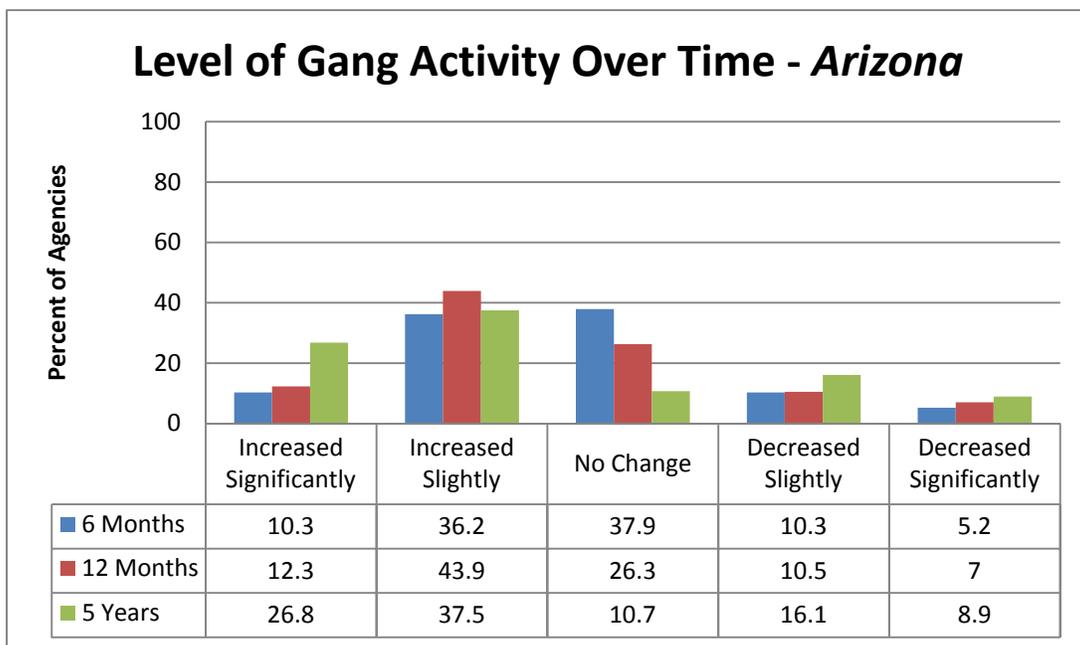


Figure 2



Gang Involvement in Crimes and Drugs

Table 3: Primary Crimes Committed by Gangs (Of the Jurisdictions Reporting Gang Activity)				
Crime	Santa Cruz County		Arizona	
	Number of Agencies	Percent of Agencies	Number of Agencies	Percent of Agencies
Burglary	1	100.0%	23	41.8%
Drug Sales	1	100.0%	15	27.3%
Property Crimes	1	100.0%	3	5.5%
Vandalism/Graffiti/Tagging	1	100.0%	13	23.6%
Number of Agencies Responding	1		55	

Agencies were asked to report the primary crimes committed by gangs within their respective jurisdictions (Table 3). 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 that could be reported. Table 3 also provides the number of agencies at the state level who reported the same crimes identified by law enforcement in Santa Cruz County.

The single agency reporting a gang presence in Santa Cruz County reported burglary, drug sales, property crimes, and vandalism/graffiti/tagging as primary crimes being committed by gangs within its jurisdiction.

Law enforcement 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 measurements over time for the level of gang involvement across a predetermined set of violent and property crimes.

The agency in Santa Cruz County with a gang presence reported a moderate level of gang involvement in vandalism/graffiti/tagging (Table 4). In addition, the agency reported a low level of gang involvement in burglary and intimidation/extortion.

Table 4: Level of Gang Involvement in Crime (Of the Jurisdictions Reporting Gang Activity)						
	Year	High	Moderate	Low	None	Unknown
Vandalism/Graffiti/Tagging	2007	50.0%	50.0%	-	-	-
	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>-</i>	<i>5.4%</i>
Burglary	2007	50.0%	50.0%	-	-	-
	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>
Intimidation/Extortion	2007	-	-	100.0%	-	-
	2008	-	50.0%	-	-	50.0%
	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>
Arson	2007	-	-	-	50.0%	50.0%
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	100.0%	-

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<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	-	50.0%	50.0%	-	-
	2008	-	50.0%	-	50.0%	-
	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>
Firearms Trafficking	2007	50.0%	-	50.0%	-	-
	2008	-	50.0%	-	50.0%	-
	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>
Human Trafficking	2007	50.0%	-	-	-	50.0%
	2008	-	50.0%	-	50.0%	-
	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>
Identity Theft	2007	50.0%	-	-	-	50.0%
	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>
Kidnapping	2007	-	-	50.0%	50.0%	-
	2008	-	-	50.0%	50.0%	-
	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>
Murder	2007	-	-	50.0%	50.0%	-
	2008	-	-	50.0%	50.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	100.0%	-
<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>
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	-	-	50.0%	50.0%	-
	2008	-	50.0%	50.0%	-	-
	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	-	50.0%	50.0%	-	-
	2008	-	-	50.0%	50.0%	-
	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>
Felonious Assault	2007	50.0%	-	50.0%	-	-
	2008	50.0%	-	50.0%	-	-
	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>
Fraud	2007	50.0%	-	-	-	50.0%
	2008	-	-	50.0%	50.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	-	-
<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>

In addition to the level of gang involvement by crime type, agencies rated 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 street sale of drugs (Table 5). More specifically, the agency reported a moderate level of involvement in the distribution of marijuana and MDMA. The agency also reported a low level of involvement in the distribution of powdered cocaine.

Table 5: Gang Involvement in the Distribution of Drugs (Of the Jurisdictions Reporting Gang Activity)						
		High	Moderate	Low	None	Unknown
Drugs – Street Sales	2007	50.0%	50.0%	-	-	-
	2008	50.0%	50.0%	-	-	-
	2009	-	-	100.0%	-	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>29.3%</i>	<i>36.2%</i>	<i>27.6%</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>6.9%</i>
Drugs – Manufacture	2007	-	-	50.0%	50.0%	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	-	100.0%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>10.5%</i>	<i>36.8%</i>	<i>21.1%</i>	<i>31.6%</i>
Drugs – Wholesale	2007	50.0%	-	50.0%	-	-
	2008	50.0%	-	50.0%	-	-
	2009	-	-	-	-	100.0%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>5.2%</i>	<i>29.3%</i>	<i>31.0%</i>	<i>8.6%</i>	<i>25.9%</i>
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>	<i>-</i>	<i>5.2%</i>	<i>41.4%</i>	<i>20.7%</i>	<i>32.8%</i>
Marijuana	2007	50.0%	50.0%	-	-	-
	2008	50.0%	-	50.0%	-	-
	2009	-	100.0%	-	-	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>44.8%</i>	<i>29.3%</i>	<i>15.5%</i>	<i>3.4%</i>	<i>6.9%</i>
MDMA (Ecstasy) and analogs	2007	-	-	100.0%	-	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	100.0%	-	-	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>17.2%</i>	<i>27.6%</i>	<i>29.3%</i>	<i>25.9%</i>
Powdered Cocaine	2007	50.0%	-	50.0%	-	-
	2008	-	50.0%	-	50.0%	-
	2009	-	-	100.0%	-	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>6.9%</i>	<i>13.8%</i>	<i>43.1%</i>	<i>20.7%</i>	<i>15.5%</i>
Crack Cocaine	2007	50.0%	-	-	-	50.0%
	2008	-	-	50.0%	50.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	100.0%	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>10.3%</i>	<i>12.1%</i>	<i>29.3%</i>	<i>32.8%</i>	<i>15.5%</i>
Heroin	2007	50.0%	-	-	-	50.0%
	2008	-	-	50.0%	50.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	100.0%	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>10.3%</i>	<i>29.3%</i>	<i>24.1%</i>	<i>19.0%</i>	<i>17.2%</i>
Methamphetamine	2007	-	-	100.0%	-	-
	2008	-	-	50.0%	50.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	100.0%	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>31.6%</i>	<i>36.8%</i>	<i>14.0%</i>	<i>8.8%</i>	<i>8.8%</i>
Pharmaceuticals	2007	-	-	50.0%	-	50.0%
	2008	-	50.0%	-	50.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	100.0%	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>6.9%</i>	<i>24.1%</i>	<i>32.8%</i>	<i>10.3%</i>	<i>25.9%</i>

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 response from the one agency with a gang presence, the Latin Kings and Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13) were indicated as having a low level of involvement in the jurisdiction in 2009 (Table 6).

Table 6: Level of Activity by Gang (Of the Jurisdictions Reporting Gang Activity)						
	Year	High	Moderate	Low	Not Applicable	Unknown
Latin Kings	2007	-	-	100.0%	-	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	100.0%	-	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	-	1.8%	31.6%	54.4%	12.3%
Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13)	2007	-	-	50.0%	50.0%	-
	2008	-	-	100.0%	-	-
	2009	-	-	100.0%	-	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	-	5.3%	42.1%	40.4%	12.3%
18 th Street Gang	2007	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	100.0%	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	-	1.8%	28.1%	59.6%	10.5%
Almighty P Stone Nation	2007	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	100.0%	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	-	-	7.0%	75.4%	17.5%
Aryan Brotherhood	2007	Not Included in 2007 Survey				
	2008	-	-	50.0%	50.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	100.0%	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	5.3%	15.8%	45.6%	22.8%	10.5%
Asian Gangs (all sets)	2007	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	100.0%	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	-	-	12.5%	66.1%	21.4%
Bandidos OMG	2007	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	100.0%	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	-	1.8%	19.3%	66.7%	12.3%
Black Gangster Disciples	2007	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	100.0%	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	1.8%	3.5%	10.5%	70.2%	14.0%
Bloods (all sets)	2007	-	-	50.0%	50.0%	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	100.0%	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	14.0%	14.0%	33.3%	26.3%	12.3%
Border Brothers	2007	-	-	50.0%	50.0%	-
	2008	-	50.0%	-	50.0%	-

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	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	-	-	50.0%	50.0%	-
	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	-	-	50.0%	50.0%	-
	2008	-	-	50.0%	50.0%	-
	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	-	-	50.0%	50.0%	-
	2008	-	50.0%	-	50.0%	-
	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	-	-	50.0%	50.0%	-
	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>
Mexican Mafia/La Eme	2007	-	50.0%	-	50.0%	-
	2008	-	50.0%	-	50.0%	-
	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>
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	50.0%	-	-	50.0%	-
	2008	-	50.0%	50.0%	-	-
	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>
Skinheads	2007	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2008	-	-	50.0%	50.0%	-
	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>
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%
Hispanic Sureños (SUR 13)	2007	-	-	50.0%	50.0%	-
	2008	-	50.0%	-	50.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	-	100.0%
Arizona	2009	24.6%	33.3%	24.6%	12.3%	5.3%

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 Santa Cruz County reported that gangs were not coordinating with other gangs in its jurisdiction (Table 7).

Table 7: Gang Coordination with Other Gangs (Of the Jurisdictions Reporting Gang Activity)				
	2007	2008	2009	2009 Arizona
Yes	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%	44.6%
No	50.0%	50.0%	100.0%	42.9%
Unsure/Don't Know	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	12.5%
Total Responses	2	2	1	56

Most Effective Gang Responses

Agency respondents provided information pertaining to which strategies were the most effective in their respective jurisdictions when combating gangs. Prior to the 2009 assessment, 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, gang crime/intelligence data analyses, GIITEM, joint efforts with other agencies, and school programs are the strategies indicated as being effective responses to gangs within the Santa Cruz County jurisdiction encountering a gang presence in 2009 (Table 8).

Table 8: Effective Gang Interdiction, Intervention, or Suppression Strategies

	2007		2008		2009		2009 Arizona	
	Number of Agencies	Percent of Agencies						
Community Programs	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	100.0%	8	13.6%
Enforcement	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	100.0%	46	78.0%
Gang Crime/Intelligence Data Analyses	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	100.0%	22	37.3%
GIITEM	2	100.0%	2	100.0%	1	100.0%	34	57.6%
Joint Efforts with Other Agencies	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	100.0%	29	49.2%
School Programs	1	50.0%	0	0.0%	1	100.0%	17	28.8%
Identification of Gang Members	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	39	66.1%
Special Prosecution Programs	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	13	22.0%
Law Enforcement Gang Units	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	19	32.2%

Task Force Participation

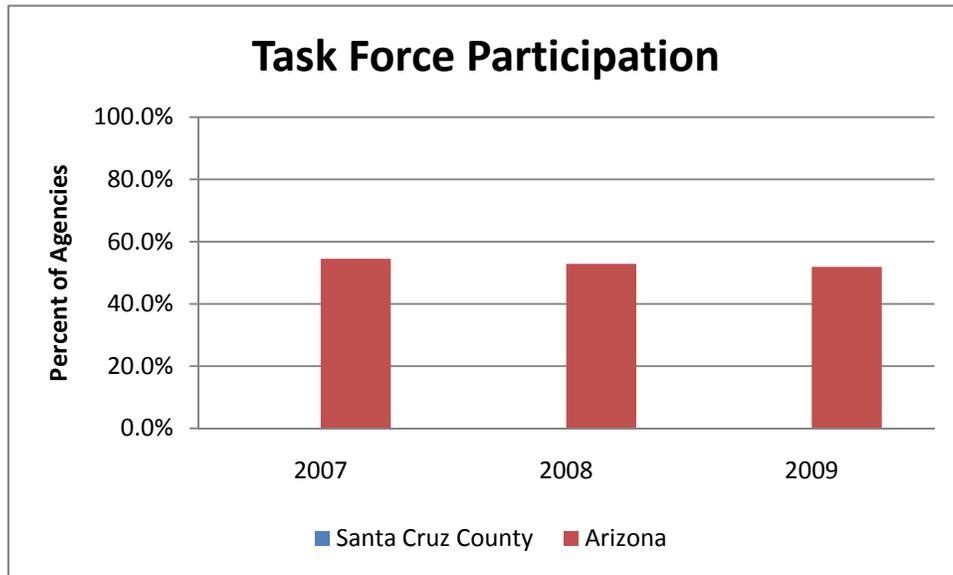
Under the direction of the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS), the Gang Intelligence and Immigration Team Enforcement Mission (GIITEM) assists criminal justice agencies statewide with multi-agency collaboration for criminal gang enforcement and investigative strategies. GIITEM brings together law enforcement agencies from federal, state, county, municipal, and tribal jurisdictions in a coordinated, intelligence-driven approach to suppress gangs 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. The agency in Santa Cruz County with a gang presence did not report participating in a multi-agency task force in 2009 (Figure 3).

Figure 3



Conclusion

Gang activity continues to negatively affect many law enforcement jurisdictions in communities throughout Arizona. One agency in Santa Cruz County reported gang involvement in drug distribution within its jurisdiction during 2009. The law enforcement agency reported a moderate level of gang involvement in the distribution of marijuana and MDMA and a low level of involvement in powdered cocaine. When asked about the level of involvement in various crimes, the agency reported that gangs had a moderate level of involvement in vandalism/graffiti/tagging and a low level of involvement in burglary and intimidation/extortion.

The active gangs identified by the Santa Cruz County law enforcement agency with a gang presence include the Latin Kings and Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13). These gangs were noted as having a low level of involvement in the agency's jurisdiction in 2009.

The law enforcement agency with a gang presence reported that gang activity in its jurisdiction did not change during the prior six months but increased slightly during the 12 months and five years prior to filling out the survey. The agency reported that gangs were not expanding their scope of activities and were not coordinating with other gangs in 2009. The agency in Santa Cruz County also reported that the agency was not 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 Santa Cruz County community, the 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, the ACJC intends for the Santa Cruz 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.