

EXPANDED COURSE OUTLINE  
REGULAR BASIC COURSE  
**LEARNING DOMAIN 38**  
GANG AWARENESS

I. LEARNING NEED

Peace officers must know the indicators of gang involvement in order to assess and respond to gang-related criminal activity.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- A. State statutory requirements for designating a group as a criminal street gang
  - 1. 186.22 (F) PC – S.T.E.P. ACT
  - 2. Organized groups
  - 3. Specific criminal activity(ies)
- B. Describe safety considerations for peace officers who come in contact with known or suspected members of criminal gangs
  - 1. Weapons and searches
  - 2. Gang tactics
  - 3. Intelligence regarding feuds/rivalries
  - 4. Initiation rites
  - 5. Appearances/ more common non-traditional such as female and juvenile members
- C. Describe indicators of gang territory and communications, including:
  - 1. Graffiti
  - 2. Violent crime
  - 3. Active gang members
  - 4. Tattoos
  - 5. Neighborhoods

57. LEARNING NEED

Peace officers must know the different types of criminal street gangs in order to effectively monitor and control criminal gang activity.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- A. Describe identifying characteristics and crime trends associated with criminal street gangs
  - 1. Clothing
  - 2. Hair
  - 3. Tattoos
  - 4. Hand signals
  - 5. Language
  - 6. Graffiti
  - 7. Drug trafficking
  - 8. Crimes against persons

- 9. Property crimes
- 10. Rival gang violence

58. LEARNING NEED

Peace officers need a basic understanding of outlaw motorcycle gangs and prison gangs in order to effectively monitor and control criminal gang activity.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- A. Describe identifying characteristics and crime trends associated with organized crime gangs including:
  - 1. Motorcycle gangs
  - 2. Prison gangs

V. REQUIRED LEARNING ACTIVITIES

- A. The student will participate in a learning activity that will reinforce knowledge of local/regional gang dynamics including recent crime trends. Topics must include:
  - 1. Categories of gangs (e.g., street gangs, organized crime gangs, outlaw motorcycle gangs and prison gangs)
  - 2. Types of street gangs (e.g., Hispanic, white, black, Asian, multi-racial)
  - 3. Reasons for gang membership
  - 4. Characteristics common to most gangs
  - 5. Common criminal activities
  - 6. Suppression, investigation, enforcement and prosecution tactics and techniques
  - 7. Officer safety techniques and personal character in gang-related contacts, detentions and arrests

Description	Hours
POST Minimum Required Hours	<u>2</u>
Agency Specific Hours	<u>2</u>
Total Instructional Hours	<u>4</u>