GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR 2007 NEW JERSEY STREET GANG SURVEY

The New Jersey State Police Street Gang Survey is an Intranet-based survey that acts as the Division's primary method for collecting 'baseline' information concerning the presence of street gangs in municipal jurisdictions across New Jersey. The 2007 Street Gang Survey is designed to be administered by State Police personnel via direct contact with municipal police officers throughout the state.

The survey is organized into two components: a primary survey that asks *general* questions about the presence of street gangs in a municipality, and a series of supplemental surveys that gather more *detailed* information about specific gangs that may be present in the municipality. Survey respondents should first be asked the general questions in the primary survey, then asked about the specific gangs (if any) that are present in their jurisdiction.

> ***All responses should be based on agency records, personal knowledge of the municipal police officer, and/or his/her consultations with other personnel in the agency who are familiar with street gangs.***

For the purpose of this survey the following definitions should be used:

A '**gang**' is defined as three or more people who are associated in fact, people who have a common group name, identifying sign, tattoos or other indicia of association and who have committed criminal offenses while engaged in gang related activity (NJSA 2C:44-3b).

'**Present in your jurisdiction**' means that a gang exists —*resides, visits, commits crimes, etc*.— within the jurisdiction, regardless of whether or not their activity warrants a law enforcement response.

'**most serious problem**' means that the gang is responsible for the majority of gang-related law enforcement response in the jurisdiction.

After the survey respondent has answered all survey questions to the best of his/her knowledge, the 2007 Street Gang Survey is complete. The completed survey is entered into the database by clicking on the 'FINISH' button at the end of the survey. Survey responses are locked and **cannot be changed** after the 'FINISH' button has been clicked.