2004 Gang Survey Questionnaire

Respondent Name/Rank:_____

Agency:_____

Interviewer(s):_____Date:_____

For the purpose of this survey, consistent with New Jersey Code, a gang is defined as: three or more people who are associated in fact, that is, people who have a common group name, identifying sign, tattoos or other indicia of association and who have engaged in criminal offenses' while engaged in gang related activity (NJSA 2C: 44-3h).

Please base your responses on your records, your personal knowledge, and/or consultations with other agency personnel who are familiar with street gangs.

Survey Questions

Q.1 During 2003, were any street gangs active in your jurisdiction?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Do not know ☐

If "yes," when (what year) did you recognize the onset of gang activity in your jurisdiction? _____

Are there areas of your town where graffiti has been observed?
Yes ☐ No ☐ Do not know ☐

If yes, where?_____

Are there areas of town where high drug sales occur? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, where?_____

Q.2 How many street gangs were active in your jurisdiction during 2003?

Number of street gangs_____ Do not know ☐

(This number should be verified by totaling the number of gangs mentioned in Question 3 which follows)

Q.3 Which gangs are present in your jurisdiction? **Circle all that apply . Specify names of gangs not listed under "Other." * When referring to a unique "set" of a particular gang, specify the "set" name under "Other"***

For each gang named, please answer the following:											
Gang Name	How many members are in the gang?	What is the race/ ethnicity of gang members? (Circle all that apply)	What is the ratio (%) of male to female members?		Approximately what percentage (%) of this gang's members fall into the following age categories:					What types of criminal activity are the gang members involved in? (List all that apply. Continue on back of page if necessary)
		W = White, B=Black, A=Asian, H=Hispanic, NA=Native American, O=Other	% Male	% Female	If percentage is unknown, check DK= "do not know" <15	15-17	18-24	+24	DK	
18th Street		W B A H NA O								
Bloods* **(if set use "Other)**		W B A H NA O								
Breed		W B A H NA O								
Crips* **(if set use "Other)**		W B A H NA O								
Dominicans Don't Play		W B A H NA O								
Five Percenters		W B A H NA O								

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Hells Angels		W B A H NA O								
La Mugre		W B A H NA O								
La Raza		W B A H NA O								
Latin Kings		W B A H NA O								
MS-13* **(if set use "Other)**		W B A H NA O								
Pagans		W B A H NA O								
Ñeta		W B A H NA O								
Vatos Locos		W B A H NA O								

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Warlocks		W B A H NA O								
Other:(Specify)		W B A H NA O								
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Additional sheets are available if needed. Please be sure that the number of gangs circled/named above corresponds to the answer to Q2 regarding the number of gangs.

Q.4 Which gang is the most serious problem in your jurisdiction? _____

Q.5 Which gang is most actively recruiting new members? _____

Q.6 Which gang commits the most violent activity? _____

Q.7 Does your department or agency have a system in place for classifying and tracking gang-related (member-based) and/or gang-motivated (motive-based) crimes?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Do not know ☐

Q.7a If yes, is the system computerized?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Do not know ☐

Q.7b Is it mandatory that officers contribute to the system?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Do not know ☐

Q.7c What percentage of officers do you estimate contribute to the system?_____%

Q.8 Where are gang crimes occurring in your jurisdiction? **(Please rank 1, 2, 3... in order of frequency of occurrence)**

- ❑ Residences
- ❑ Businesses
- ❑ Schools
- ❑ Parks/playgrounds
- ❑ Motor Vehicles
- ❑ Parking Lots
- ❑ Government Buildings
- ❑ Highways
- ❑ Other: **(explain)**

Q.9 How often did street gang members use firearms in the commission of crimes in your jurisdiction during 2003? (Circle One)

Often Sometimes Rarely Not Used Don't Know

Q.9a Does your agency have a policy in place requiring traces on firearms recovered?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Do not know ☐

Q.10 Overall, approximately how many homicides involving street gang members do you estimate occurred in your jurisdiction during 2003?

Number of homicides_____ Do not know ☐

Q.10a. Of those homicides, what percentage are gang-related (member-based) ____% vs. gang-motivated (motive-based)?_____%

Q.11 During 2003, were there gang related incidents within, or on the grounds of the schools in your jurisdiction?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Do not know ☐

Q.11a If yes, approximately how many incidents occurred?_____

Q.12 How much has your street gang problem been affected in the past few years by the release of gang members from prison?

Very Much Somewhat Very Little Not at all Don't know

Q.13 With whom does your agency have frequent contact on the issue of gangs?

- ❑ School Resource Officers
- ❑ Teachers/Educational Officials
- ❑ Parole Officers
- ❑ County Corrections
- ❑ State Corrections
- ❑ Community Groups
- ❑ Business Owners
- ❑ Local Police Departments
- ❑ County Prosecutors' Offices
- ❑ State Police
- ❑ Federal Agencies
- ❑ Other: **(explain)**

Q.14 During 2003, did your agency participate in a FORMAL multi-agency task force or collaborative effort that focused on street gang problems as a major concern?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Do not know ☐

Q.14a If yes, which one(s)?

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Q.15 Compared to 2002, did your street gang problem in 2003 **(Circle One)**

Increase? Decrease? Stay the same? Don't Know

Q.16 What initiatives do you think should be implemented to address the street gang problem in your jurisdiction? (Elaborate as fully as possible)