



Gang Awareness

A. PURPOSE

At an age appropriate level, to increase in young people as awareness of the dangers of street gang involvement and to promote positive alternative choices.

To provide general information about street gangs and street gang dynamics to parents and teachers in order that they may safely and effectively recognize and address gang issues on both an individual as well as on a school or community wide basis.

B. DESCRIPTION

Three multimedia presentations are planned; one for students at the grade 4-6 level, a second for students at the grade 7 - 12 level and a third for adults.

Level 1 presentation will include:

- How positive groups differ from gangs
- What gangs do
- Exposing the myths and realities of the reasons young people join gangs
- Basic information on gang structure
- Gang life-style
- Positive alternatives

Level 2 presentation will include:

- Further information on gang structure
- Exposing the myths and realities of the reasons young people join gangs
- Positive alternatives
- How neighbourhoods are affected by gangs
- Facts and reasons regarding gang violence

Level 3 presentation will include:

- Types of gangs
- 3 "R's" of gang life; reputation, respect, retaliation
- Warning signs of gang involvement
- Information specific to Winnipeg gangs
- Community prevention strategies
- Tips for teachers
- Criminal organization legislation
- Risk factors for joining
- Gang graffiti and identifiers
- Tips for parents
- School prevention strategies
- Safety tips

C. MODE AND PERSONNEL PRESENTING

These presentations will generally be done by School Education Officers

(Members of the Organized Crime Unit may also provide street gang awareness presentations to select audiences).

D. AUDIENCE

Level 1 presentation to grade 4-6 students

Level 2 presentation to grade 7-12 students

Level 3 presentation to parent, and teacher groups as well as to other interested adult groups.

Members of Organized Crime Unit may provide gang awareness information to police officers, other law-enforcement and criminal justice groups as well as select public audiences).