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Abstract

For the past 35 years, youth gangs have been a huge problem in United States. Most neighborhoods in each city have a youth gang, and preventing their development has been a real issue to law enforcers. Because when one is gang dismantled, another one is formed to replace the previous one. They tend to develop when there is political unrest or social changes, and it is a global phenomenon. Notably, relationship among urban youths and law enforcement is usually strained because most of these youths often have an indirect bias towards law enforcers, especially the police. They do this by acting disrespectfully towards the police. Most of the youths who join gangs do so due to many reasons, and one of the common reasons is because of being neglected by individuals close to them. Others join gangs as a form of identity or if their family members belong to gangs. Besides, they retaliate against the police officers because of their impulsive nature due to their young age. Being in a youth gang is dangerous for their health because should they get shot during a shoot-out, they take little or no care of their injury, and this sometimes leads to death. Also, because those who join these gangs are in their early teens and early twenties, most of them drop out of school and indulge in drugs. Fortunately, police officers are in the position of changing this narrative by creating a positive and productive environment for interacting with these youth gangs hence the training.

Juvenile Gangs

Youth gangs have been on the rise, and this leads to an increase in youth delinquency in society. These youth gangs engage in drug trafficking and other dangerous criminal activities such as robbery with violence. Normally, these youth gangs usually target law-abiding individuals or other rival groups, and this instills fear among the members living in communities invaded by these gangs. The gangs disrupt the peace of the community, such as schooling and families. Notably, the relationship between these gangs and law enforcement usually is strained, hence the rapid development of these gangs. For that reason, it is the sole purpose of law enforcement to regulate criminal activities in the community and society at large (Mora, 2018). The paper will discuss the training law enforcement departments need to undergo to control and eradicate youth gangs in the community to have a clear understanding of juvenile gangs.

As stated above, law enforcement training, especially in police officers, is crucial when it comes to eradicating youth gangs. Gone are the days where police violence towards gang was the solution. Specialized gang training has been put in place to help law enforcement deal or manage youth gangs. One of the training programs that help prevent youth gangs is the 23rd ⁶ National Gang Crime Research Center (NGCRC) International Gang Specialist Training Conference that will take place in August 2020. The conference has a list of training that focuses on reducing the level of youth gangs and other gangs in general. One of the training in this conference is on gang threat awareness. The practice focuses on the early signs of gang involvement among the youth that teachers or parents can recognize and inform law enforcement to see how they can protect them from joining gangs.

Secondly, the other training at the conference is the introduction to gangs. The objective of this training is to share the knowledge of why these gangs keep multiplying despite the efforts

of law enforcement to stop their growth. It will also share insight into why these youth gangs begin and prosper in the neighborhoods. Thirdly, the other training, which is a two-part series, will be discussing gang mapping. It will explain the importance of analysis of crime applied to the gangs and the rise of crime in gangs from the 1800s to this century (NGCRC, 2020). The Bureau Justice Assistance (BJA) has its gang training known as Project Safe Neighborhood (PSN). The purpose of this is to create safer neighborhoods with the hopes of reducing gang activities and violence in the communities. Their task force focuses on identifying areas within a location that are prone to the youth gangs, and then identify the perpetrators, and lastly, the prosecution of the perpetrators (BJA, 2020).

Primarily, other states in the United States have scheduled their training this year as well, like California has the Southern California Gang Conference that aims to educate law enforcers on the effects of gangs in society and the relationship between law enforcement and youth gangs (SCGC, 2020). ⁹ The New Mexico Gang Task Force also has the training, and its objective is to help the federal state, law enforcement organizations with training regarding the reduction of criminal activities brought about by youth gangs and other gangs as well in Mexico State. Specifically, their training will focus on methods that will help to improve and track any gang activities in the neighborhoods (NMGTF, 2020).

Law enforcement has a crucial role when it entails preventing youths from joining gangs. In most cases, law enforcers like police officers are often in the front line when it comes to fighting this phenomenon in the community, and sometimes they tend to use force if members of the youth gangs retaliate when they get caught by the police. The improvements that can be included in this training are the art of listening and being understanding. In that most individuals in the neighborhoods are scared of the law enforcement because of how violent they can be, so

the people in the communities would rather suffer in silence than informing the police in case there are any gang activities (Mason et al., 2020). Also, the training should involve ways in which law enforcement and people in the community can communicate to help prevent and protect the youths from joining gangs. People in gang invaded communities tend to know more about what is happening around them.

As stated earlier, the interaction between youth and law enforcement is crucial. The training should improve the communication between law enforcement and the youths alike by emphasizing positive dialogues. The dialogue will help the law enforcement and the youths to communicate as they get to know one another; this, in the end, will help reduce the hostility and aggressiveness often associated with law enforcers. Besides, law enforcement will learn how to understand the behavior of the youths and vice versa. The method of interactions that can be focused on is the face to face interactions, as this proves to be effective because they get to talk openly (IACP, 2018).

The reason why communication between law enforcement and society is essential is that the members of the community are related to some of the members of these youth gangs. Unfortunately, parents have lost their children to these gangs. Therefore, excellent communication is critical because law enforcement can work together with the community to identify gang hideouts. The interaction between the two can be achieved through weekly or monthly meetings. Law enforcement can also involve themselves in community projects that will help develop the community (Mason et al., 2020). In turn, this will build the relationship between the community members and law enforcement.

Enhancing the relationship between the youth and law enforcement is crucial because the youths will get to form their perception in regards to law enforcement. Most of the youths who

join gangs do so due to many reasons, and one of the common reasons is because of being neglected by individuals close to them. Others join gangs as a form of identity or if their family members belong to gangs. Besides, they retaliate against the police officers because of their impulsive nature due to their young age. Law enforcement can be trained on understanding the mind and the behaviors of the youth to know how to treat and approach them. Apart from face to face interactions, law enforcement can engage with the youth in an environment where they can share activities such as playing football or basketball. It will be more effective if law enforcement is not in their uniforms to avoid intimidating the youths (IACP, 2018).

Collaborating with community institutions like churches and schools will also help increase interactions between the youth and law enforcement, in that they can use such platforms to educate the youths on the dangers of crime gangs. Law enforcement should also take advantage of social media and use it to engage with youths more on an online platform. They should use these platforms to highlight the positive sides of law enforcement. Lastly, law enforcement should focus on the well-being of their officers so that they can learn how to remain calm when dealing with rowdy youths. In that, law enforcement department should consider counseling sessions for their officers and should encourage them to attend for their good. In the long run, law enforcement officers will be able to control and manage the situation when faced with disrespectful youths.

Energized in the inspiration of Jesus Christ, we hold in regards all individuals' remarkable abilities, considering their gratification, and we aspire to pursue one's responsibility towards greatness in all our endeavors. The quality of our people's work depends on the accords plus a decent variety of our friends, and getting the hang of living, and working amicably. We look for connections and build relationships with people in our community. We divide our

success by participating in community- based activities as a means of giving back to society , and we respect and treat others kindly with compassion and understanding.

In conclusion, having discussed the training law enforcement departments need to undergo to control and eradicate youth gangs in the community, it is clear that these gangs are a menace to society. The law enforcement goes through a lot daily as they try to stop these gangs and the process due to retaliation from the gang members youths have lost their lives due to this. Aside from pieces of training, law enforcement can work together with community members like schools or churches to help eradicate this menace. As a result, the collaboration between the police and the society will help reduce the rates of youths enrolling in these gangs which can be achieved by introducing community-based activities such as creating awareness on the dangers of gangs. Nevertheless, the private sector should also join hands with law enforcers as well as the community in educating the youth on importance of avoiding juvenile gangs. This can be achieved by encouraging them to get involved in productive activities that can better their lives.

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