



**METRO GANG UNIT  
CHOOSE GANG FREE  
RESIDENTS AGAINST GP**

# SALT LAKE AREA GANG PROJECT

2019 OVERVIEW



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**POLICE**  
GREATER SALT LAKE



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# Residents Against Graffiti Overview

1 Program Manager funded by Salt Lake County

2 Full Time Graffiti Removal Specialists also funded by Salt Lake County

- Graffiti is removed within 24 hours of a report
- Proactive removal of graffiti on public property
- Paint and supplies are also given to citizens upon request
- County wide removal upon request for assistance from cities with their own removal agents
- Canyons are patrolled frequently and graffiti visible from the roadway is removed on sight
- Contact is made with homeowners and signed waivers are obtained prior to the removal
- Radio contact with dispatch in case of emergency



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# CHOOSE GANG FREE

1 Program Manager funded by Salt Lake County

2 Program Coordinators funded by Salt Lake County

11 Gang Prevention Advocates funded by school districts

- Advocates work with secure care adjudicated gang involved youth per court orders
- Advocates are in 4 out of the 5 SL County school districts
- Advocates teach classes to 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders in some districts
- Advocates work one on one with gang involved or at risk youth in a 10 week program teaching them prevention strategies as well as choices and consequences
- Data shows great progress over the last couple years and improvements in attitudes, risk factors and behaviors among youth in the program
- University of Utah Masters Programs provide research and statistical reporting support







# UTAH GANG CONFERENCE

## METRO GANG UNIT



# METRO GANG UNIT

- The gang project was formed in 1990 with a grant obtained by the Salt Lake City Police Department. They were the host agency until 1999 when the project moved to the Salt Lake County Sheriff
- The Salt Lake County Sheriffs Office hosted the project until 2010
- The Unified Police Department is currently the host agency
- The unit has 19 federal, state and local law enforcement partners
- Agencies participate with a full time or a part time detective
- The Unified Police Department provides the unit supervision as the host with one Lieutenant and two Sergeants which are funded by Salt Lake County
- The Unified Police Department also provides 4 gang detectives. 3 of them are funded by Salt Lake County and 1 is provided by UPD Regional Services

# METRO GANG UNIT

## PARTNERSHIPS

- Unified Police Department
- Salt Lake County Sheriffs Office
- West Valley Police Department
- Salt Lake City Police Department
- West Jordan Police Department
- State Bureau of Investigation
- Murray City Police Department
- Saratoga Springs Police Department
- Park City Police Department
- Summit County Sheriffs Office
- South Salt Lake City Police Department
- Granite School District Police
- Adult Probations and Parole
- Department of Corrections
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
- Immigration Customs Enforcement
- United States Marshal Service
- Federal Bureau of Investigations Safe Streets Task Force
- United States Attorneys Office
- DEA Salt Lake Office
- Salt Lake County District Attorney Investigations Division



# HIGHLIGHTS AND NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 2 Title 3 Investigations over the last 2 years resulting in 57 federal gang indictments yielding 27 firearms 28 pounds of methamphetamine, cash seizures in excess of \$50,000 and high-profile gang members arrested on federal warrants
- Multiple long-term cases involving firearms sales by known convicted felon gang members resulting in 50 federal indictments, 38 pounds of methamphetamine and 38 firearms seized
- 6 drive-by shootings in 2 weeks in Magna solved with 5 arrests, 11 firearms recovered
- Multiple gang homicides solved in case support to Violent Crimes Units across the valley
- Off-duty response to the Fashion Place Mall shooting which resulted in several gang members being identified, successfully charged and all in custody through cooperative efforts led by the Metro Gang Unit

# HIGHLIGHTS AND NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 158 federal gang indictments in 2018, some are multi-person indictments (USAO did a total of 199 gang indictments in 2018)
- The first Title 3 investigation in the nation to monitor phone calls, sms text, and all social media platforms on Glenmob with FBI Safe Streets partnership
- April 2020 we will hold the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Utah Gang Conference
- In the last 2 years the gang unit reported:
  - 1,064 cases initiated by task force officers
  - 1,163 arrests made
  - 109 pounds of Methamphetamine
  - 23 pounds of Marijuana
  - 10 pounds of Heroin
  - 384 firearms recovered or seized from violent gang members



# HIGHLIGHTS AND NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Highly involved in the ATF NIBIN program through the state crime lab investigating firearm related crimes and focusing efforts on known trigger pullers
- Jeremiah Pateo case, 808 gang member committing firearms crimes in South Salt Lake and West Valley City. Metro Gangs adopted the cases from both cities and focused efforts on Pateo. He was arrested in a traffic stop with a stolen firearm which was not used in any of the shootings
- Pateos family members and fellow 808 members were using threats and intimidation against not only witnesses but against federal prosecutors. In partnership with the ATF we spent time focused on those violators and other arrests were made to end the threats and intimidation
- MGU detectives spent a 25 hour straight period to capture a known gang member as quickly as possible after a West Jordan homicide.

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## FUNDING

- Participating agencies fund a detective and a vehicle
- UPD funds one detective and a vehicle
- School district MOU's fully fund 11 advocates in their schools
- Salt Lake County funds:
  - 1 Lieutenant as the Project Director
  - 2 Sergeants to supervise daily task force operations
  - 3 Detectives for suppression and investigations
  - 1 Gang Intelligence Analyst
  - 3 Residents Against Graffiti personnel
  - 1 Choose Gang Free Program Manager
  - 2 Choose Gang Free Program Coordinators



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## GRANT FUNDING

- This grant year a total of \$206,000 was granted through CCJJ SAFG and STFG grants. These funds are dependant upon state asset forfeiture monies available each year. The money available is divided between 16 state task forces each year. We are the only non-narcotics task force receiving funding.
- Grant monies pay for:
  - Full funding of the Office Coordinator position (about 39% of the grant)
  - Overtime for task force officers
  - Office supplies and other equipment (binoculars, evidence items, Computers)
  - Regional gang trainings attended by detectives and advocates
  - Money to pay confidential informants on gang related cases