

Arizona Association of Crime Analysts

AACA Quarterly Meeting



Wednesday, August 16, 2006
9:00 AM to 3:30 PM
Gilbert Police Department
75 E. Civic Center Drive
Gilbert, AZ 85296

Quarterly Meeting
“Valley crime trends; gang activity
and missing and abducted
children”

Host:
AACA 2006 Board
Members; Gilbert
Police Department

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<http://www.aacaonline.org/rsvp.html>

Agenda

1. Registration & Refreshments		8:30 – 9:00 AM
2. Welcome and Opening Announcements	Commander Ken Fixel, Gilbert Police Department. Mary Kirkwood, AACA President, Scottsdale Police Department	9:00 – 9:15 AM
3. “Gangs and Crime Analysis”: Gang Detective, Terry Burchett discusses the valley's gang activity which has been on the rise recently, including the white supremacist problems in the 1990's and the Gravano case.	Detective Terry Burchett, Gilbert Police Department	9:15 – 10:30 AM
4. Break		10:30 – 10:45 AM
5. GangNET presentation: a web-based software available to gang units to track activity/offenders.	Philana Duprey-Riherd, Criminal Intelligence Analyst, Arizona Department of Public Safety	10:45 – 11:45 AM
6. AACA Administrative Update: New Board Members recruitment, Conference Update, Financial Update, out of state members.	2006 AACA Board Members	11:45 AM – 12:15 PM
7. Lunch (<i>optional</i>) – Boston's Restaurant will be bringing in lunch. Please join AACA members for some more updates and networking.	Boston's menu and pricing to follow.	12:15 – 1:30 PM
8. “Missing and Abducted Children”;	Sgt. Don Bellendier, Scottsdale Police Department	1:30 PM– 3:30 PM

Additional Information

Directions: The Gilbert Police Department is located at 75 E. Civic Center Dr., Gilbert, AZ 85296. From southbound Gilbert Rd., go to Civic Center Drive (1/4 mile south of Warner) and make a left. The Public Safety Complex is on the right, (use the 2nd driveway). Free parking is available at the front of the bldg. Enter through the main lobby doors; check in at the Teleserve window. The Amphitheater is halfway down the left hallway (signs will be posted).

Travel on the U.S. 60 East; Exit on Stapley Drive (Exit 181); Turn right on S. Stapley Drive; Make a slight right on N. Cooper Rd.; Turn left on W. Warner Rd.; Turn right on E. Civic Center Dr.; The Gilbert Police Department is located at 75 E. Civic Center Dr.

Debbie MacKenzie
August 28, 2006

MINUTES

- 51 people in attendance

- **Det. Burchett, “Gangs and Crime Analysis.”**
 - Gangs in the SE Valley are very organized
 - The Gilbert gang started with 5 kids and grew to 200 members. Race riots grew and grew and were soon out of control. Swastikas were in use and soon no one tried to hide them.
 - Samy Gravano ran the Devil Dogs gang, which also grew fast. They were drug runners dealing steroids.
 - Today, phone calls are made from prison inmates to outside gangs. This is increasing. The control of gangs from inside prisons is increasing!
 - Money and drugs are still large gang drivers.
 - Steroids are big again NOW in schools. Recent cyclist Landis is adding to the allure.
 - **Q:** Did you receive cooperation from the schools?
 - **A:** Some cooperated, but fear caused folks to clam up and protect their own. Principal at Highland HS was ready to help after first dismissing the problem. Lots of problems so the school wanted to stay in the middle. This issue made the community come together. Are some communities in denial? Probably, One idea they had was to get the coaches to cooperate in investigations. One coach did cooperate, even though he feared losing the case and feared false allegations coming to light.
 - **Q:** Do Gang Analysts / Law Enforcement meet regularly?
 - **A:** East Valley groups do to share intelligence. They also trade information and intelligence received as they ‘walk’ football games at the different schools.
 - 2002-2003 gang membership and activity declined. Why?
 - Party crews are big now.

- **Philana Duprey-Riherd, “GangNET”**
 - Late 1990’s gang funding dried up.
 - HangNET database is a city and state-wide database. The original was a mainframe and couldn’t be shared.
 - At first the information contained within wasn’t live, now it is.
 - Until 2005, resources were limited
 - GangNET is very expensive. AZ is the first state to buy an enterprise license. AZDPS will give GangNET to anyone in AZ who asks. All the agency has to do is promise to populate the database. Must also provide a contact and trainer for the department.
 - GangNET was live in May 2006 with 32 agencies participating. Eventually we should hook up with Nevada, New Mexico and Texas.
 - 28 CFR 23 governs GangNET. Reasonable suspicion of criminal activity.
 - There are drop-down menus in GangNET. These can be altered just by contacting Philana.
 - Is there address/geographic information? No, not now.
 - SRA is the owner of GangNET. They have a mapping feature. Spellcheck costs extra.

- Philana has a list of all the power users of GangNET.
 - Arizona DOC has signed up – a big step.
 - There is a Dictionary of slang terms included.
 - There is also an I2 link chart feature included.
 - Searches can be done by subject; just come up with criteria that you input.
 - Can look up members by tattoo design. “Sleeved” vs. “Non-Sleeved.” You can use a physical description of someone as a locating tool.
 - Link Diagram will also offer choices for search criteria.
- **Sgt. Don Bellendier, “Missing and Abducted Children”**
- Presented results of a BJS survey where 40 agencies participated on missing children and the outcome of related cases.
 - He provided a checklist of questions from the Center for Missing and Exploited Children, so everyone and every agency follows the same protocol.
 - The response from agencies should be re-thought and done the same across the board.
- **Mary Kirkwood, AACA President**
- Countdown to Conference
 - Employee Success Stories
 - 2007 Board Members needed
 - Out of state members. Do we let them in??