

Street Gangs: Which Community Are You In?

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Education in itself requires one to have the desire to gain knowledge of a certain subject, regardless of what that subject is. Community safety as it relates to gang activity awareness should be something that all individuals are concerned enough about to gain whatever knowledge they possibly can. Unfortunately, it appears that a normal citizen crashes into the proverbial brick wall when it comes to truly being aware of their safety and whether or not they indeed have gang activity within their community. Campaigns driven by law enforcement may not be as effective as it would be anticipated, and may show room for improvement. A survey has been administered to help understand what level of awareness the median citizen has of gang activity and presence. Everyone needs to come together as a community to preserve the sanctities and values to maintain a safe lifestyle.