

Fairfax County Coordinating Council for Gang Prevention

Gangs in Fairfax County
“By the Numbers”

Data Sources

- Fairfax County Police Department – Gang Investigations Unit
- Virginia Department of Education
- Fairfax County Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court
- Northern Virginia Regional Gang Assessment
- Fairfax County Youth Survey
- Other

FCPD – GIU 2006-2007

- Total Number of Cases Reported in 2006 – 920
- Total Number of Cases Reported in 2007 – 1031
- GIU believe the 12% between 2006 and 2007 increase in reported gang-related cases is due to improved reporting and documentation of cases.
- The 12% increase in reported cases in 2007 is still 20% lower than in 2005.

FCPD-GIU 2006-2007

- Graffiti is still the most common crime committed by gangs in Fairfax County.

2006 – 397 Graffiti Cases Reported

2007 – 345 Graffiti Cases Reported

13% decline in reported graffiti cases (lowest since 2003)

FCPD – GIU 2006-2007

- Gang-related Robberies, Assault by Mob and Malicious Wounding Increase Between 2006 and 2007.

2006

Robbery - 12

Assault by Mob - 2

Malicious Wounding - 20

2007

Robbery - 25

Assault by Mob - 18

Malicious Wounding – 30

Robbery numbers mirror the increase in the number of robberies countywide.

Gangs are Violent and Work in Groups!

Virginia Department of Education
FCPS – 2006-2007

FCPS Gang-Related Discipline

2005–2006

Expelled – 2 cases

LTS – 30 cases

STS – 66 cases

2006-2007

Expelled – 2 cases

LTS – 32 cases

STS – 46 cases

Expelled – completely out of system

Long Term Suspension – 10+ days out of school

Short Term Suspension – out of school

Virginia Department of Education FCPS 2006-2007

Offense Frequency of Gang-Related Offense in School.

2005-2006

89 events

2006-2007

108 events

Number of Offenders Involved in Gang-Related Activity.

2005-2006

109 offenders

2006-2007

99 offenders

Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court

- **Juvenile Court Intake Gang Complaints 2007**

Total Number of Intake Complaints – **7164**

Total Number of Gang-related Complaints – **100**

Gang-related Complaints Make Up **1.4%** of All Juvenile Court Intake Complaints.

- **Probation & Parole Gang Cases Under the Court's Supervision**

Total Number of Cases Currently Under Supervision – **950**

Total Number of Gang Cases Currently Under Supervision – **58**

Gang Members Represent **4%** of Youth Under Court Supervision

Northern Virginia Regional Gang Assessment

- Gang-Related Crime in Fairfax County
2003-2006

Serious Part 1 Crime		
<u>Total # Crimes Related</u>	<u>Reported Gang-Related Crime</u>	<u>% Gang</u>
78,118	512	0.7
Less Serious Crime		
<u>Total # Crimes Related</u>	<u>Reported Gang-Related Crime</u>	<u>% Gang</u>
157,510	3,145	2.0

Fairfax County Youth Survey

- Youth Survey Results Pending Release Fall 2008.

Miscellaneous

- Other Agency Reports
- School Resource Officers' Reports
- Community Reports

Miscellaneous

- No indication of the expansion of gang members or gangs in Fairfax County. Crips and Bloods both have increased in the area.
- No known connectivity between gangs in Fairfax County and organized drug distribution, prostitution, human trafficking.
- Gangs in Fairfax County for the most part are not connected to the gangs on the West Coast. We are different.
- Gangs in Fairfax County are loosely knit, do not have “Turf Rights” or a hierarchy in place. We do see some “beefs” over certain areas in the county.

Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force – Gang Prevention & Intervention Efforts

- Regional Gang Assessment Status
- Regional Public Service Announcements
- Intervention, Prevention, Education Program

Regional Gang Assessment Update

- Report was completed in October 2007
- Report was approved by the Task Force Steering Board January 2008.
- Report forwarded to Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) for approval.
- Report remains with OJJDP.

Regional Assessment Content

- Northern Virginia Demographics.
- Gangs & Gang Crime in Northern Virginia.
- Gang Member Interviews.
- Community Scan of Schools.
- Community That Cares Youth Survey.
- Perceptions of Community Leaders.
- Community Resources for Gang Members & At-Risk Youth

Regional Public Service Announcements

- \$94,000 Budget.
- Radio, Television, Print in Spanish & English.
- Radio – 594 spots (October 07– February 08).
- Print – Ads placed in El Comercio, El Tiempo Latina with total circulation – 133,000. Two specials through the Washington Post.
- Video – Ads shown on local major cable television stations and local government stations. PSA shown in movie theaters throughout the region. Estimated viewers 700,000.

Intervention, Prevention, Education Program

- Contracted with Center for Multicultural Human Services; now being operated by Northern Virginia Family Services.
- Program provided intervention services, prevention services and education to youth and families referred to the program.
- Program served 265 youth across the region and 70 youth in Fairfax County.

Fairfax County Gang Prevention

- **Primary Prevention**

- Middle School After-School Programs**

- Community & Recreation Services – Teen Centers

- Fairfax County Park Authority – Summer Programs

- Community Education Efforts

- Public Service Announcements

- Healthy Choices Program – Fairfax County Public Schools

- Gang Resource and Referral Line – 1-866-914-GANG (4264)

- Fairfax County Gang Prevention Web Page

- **Secondary Prevention**

- Road DAWG**

- Intervention, Prevention, Education Program

- Summer Youth Employment Program**

- A.C.T Program

Fairfax County Gang Prevention

- **Intervention**

- Intervention, Prevention, Education (Culmore, Mount Vernon)
- World Vision Gang Outreach program (Herndon)
- Alternative House Outreach program (Annandale, Springfield)
- Fairfax County Child Specific Team (Countywide)
- Skin Deep Tattoo Removal Program (Countywide)

- **Targeted Gang Enforcement**

- FPCPD Gang Unit & Gang Saturation Operations
- Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force & Gang Saturation Operations.
- SHOCAP program.
- Virginia Gang Investigators Association
- Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney – Gang Prosecutor

Fairfax County Gang Prevention

- Middle School After-School Programs
- Road DAWG Programs
- Youth Summer Employment