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## Executive Summary

During spring 2010, the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission's (ACJC) Statistical Analysis Center (SAC) surveyed law enforcement officers in Arizona regarding gangs and gang activity within their respective jurisdictions. The SAC gang threat assessment survey, titled the *Arizona Gang Threat Assessment*, was modeled after the *National Gang Threat Assessment*, conducted by the National Alliance of Gang Investigators Associations in partnership with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, National Drug Intelligence Center, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. The survey contained questions for law enforcement officials concerning the presence of gangs within their jurisdictions, the level of gang activity, the involvement of gang members in crime and illegal drug distribution, the extent of cross-gang coordination, and law enforcement strategies targeting gang members. The following report provides Yavapai County and statewide results from the 2009 survey administration, including trend data collected during prior administrations of the gang threat assessment survey in 2007 and 2008. Additional state and county reports are available at <http://www.azcjc.gov/ACJC.Web/publications/publications.aspx?ServId=1000>.

### Findings

- Six of the 11 Yavapai County agencies that responded to the survey administered in 2010 reported an active gang presence within their respective jurisdictions. Of the agencies that reported at least one active gang, five agencies provided estimates of the number of gang members within their jurisdictions. These agencies estimated that there were 307 active gang members across their jurisdictions.
- Two of the six Yavapai County agencies that identified a gang presence reported that gangs were expanding their membership and scope of activities. Two agencies with a gang presence reported a slight or significant increase in gang activity during the six months prior to taking the survey while the other three agencies with a gang presence reported that gang activity did not change or decreased during the previous six months. During the 12 months prior to taking the survey, three agencies with a gang presence reported that gangs had increased slightly or significantly in their jurisdictions. When asked about the five years prior to taking the survey, three agencies reported increasing activity and three agencies reported decreasing activity.
- Multiple agencies with a gang presence reported that gangs had a moderate level of involvement in the distribution of heroin (33.3 percent), marijuana (33.3 percent), and methamphetamine (33.3 percent). One agency reported moderate involvement in the distribution of powdered cocaine.
- The Hells Angels OMG, Hispanic Sureños/SUR 13, Aryan Brotherhood, Black Gangster Disciples, Mexican Mafia/La Eme, neighborhood-based drug trafficking groups/crews, and the Skinheads were the gangs reported by law enforcement agencies as having a moderate level of involvement.

## **Introduction**

During spring 2010, the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission's Statistical Analysis Center surveyed law enforcement officers in Arizona regarding their perceptions and experiences with gangs, gang members, and gang activity within their respective jurisdictions. This report examines and summarizes the results from the *Arizona Gang Threat Assessment* and fulfills ACJC's statutory requirement to conduct an annual survey that measures the prevalence of gang activity in Arizona using available monies per Arizona Revised Statute §41-2416. Although no funds were specifically appropriated to carry out the Arizona Gang Threat Assessment, effectively addressing gangs and gang activity presents a significant challenge to Arizona's law enforcement agencies and the criminal justice system. For this reason, ACJC continues to collect and share information on gangs and gang activity using existing resources.

## **Research Methods**

Since 1990, the ACJC has administered a gang survey to state, county, tribal, and local law enforcement agencies throughout Arizona. In 2007, the *Arizona Gang Threat Assessment* replaced the original *Arizona Gang Survey* because of feedback from the law enforcement community in Arizona requesting a more in-depth analysis of current threats posed by gangs. The *Arizona Gang Threat Assessment* was modeled after the *National Gang Threat Assessment*. The national assessment is a project of the National Alliance of Gang Investigators Associations in partnership with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the National Drug Intelligence Center and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. The first national assessment was conducted in 2005 with surveys being sent out to hundreds of gang investigators across the nation.

A total of 11 law enforcement agencies throughout Yavapai County received the *Arizona Gang Threat Assessment*, contained a series of questions about gangs and gang activity within the respective law enforcement jurisdictions during 2009. The survey was designed to gather information on gangs, gang members, gang activity, and other pertinent information to better understand the threat gangs pose to public safety. Of the 11 surveys distributed to law enforcement agencies in Yavapai County, 11 (100.0 percent) agencies returned a survey to the SAC.

## Gangs in Yavapai County and Arizona

### Total Gang Membership

Of the 11 agencies that responded to the SAC's request for information on gangs and gang activity in Yavapai County, six agencies (54.5 percent) reported the presence of gangs and gang activity in their respective jurisdictions. This is a decrease from the seven agencies that reported gangs in their jurisdictions during the previous year (Table 1). Of the agencies that indicated a gang presence within their jurisdictions, five agencies estimated a total of 307 active gang members present in their jurisdictions in 2009. The remaining agency reporting gang activity was not able to provide an estimate of the number of gang members within its jurisdiction. Thus, the number of gang members reported is a conservative estimate of the number of gang members in Yavapai County. Other potential causes of the underestimation include the inability of the remaining agency to provide an estimate and the likelihood that some gang members have not yet come to the attention of law enforcement.

	2007		2008		2009		2009 Arizona	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Yes</b>	5	45.5%	7	63.6%	6	54.5%	59	75.6%
<b>No</b>	6	54.5%	4	36.4%	5	45.5%	19	24.4%
<b>Unsure/Don't know</b>	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

### Level of Gang Activity Over Time

Agencies that reported a gang presence within their jurisdictions were asked to rate the level of gang activity and whether gang membership and activities were expanding in 2009. When asked whether

	2007	2008	2009	2009 Arizona
<b>Yes</b>	40.0%	50.0%	40.0%	50.0%
<b>No</b>	40.0%	33.3%	60.0%	46.4%
<b>Unsure/Don't Know</b>	20.0%	16.7%	0.0%	3.6%
<b>Total Responses</b>	5	6	5	56

\*Only five of the six agencies reporting a gang presence responded to this question.

gangs in the area were expanding their membership and scope of activities, two (40.0 percent) of the Yavapai County agencies reporting a gang presence responded that gangs within their jurisdictions were expanding their membership and scope of activities, compared to half of the agencies reporting expanding membership and activities at the state level (Table 2). This is a small decrease in the number of agencies reporting expansion from 2008.

When given the opportunity to provide further explanation of their responses regarding gang membership and gang activities, one agency with expanding gang membership and activity reported that gangs were becoming more involved in tagging, criminal damage, robbery, burglary, and aggravated assaults.

When considering the six months prior to the 2009 assessment, one agency reported that the level of gang activity in its jurisdiction increased significantly, one reported activity increased slightly, three reported no change, and one reported a significant decrease in gang activity. Only one agency reported that gang activity increased significantly over the preceding 12 months while two reported a slight increase in activity, one reported no change, one reported a slight decrease in activity, and one reported activity decreasing significantly. When asked to assess the level of gang activity over the past five years, one agency reported that activity increased significantly, two reported that activity increased slightly, one agency reported activity decreased slightly, and two agencies reported a significant decrease in gang activity (Figure 1).

Figure 1

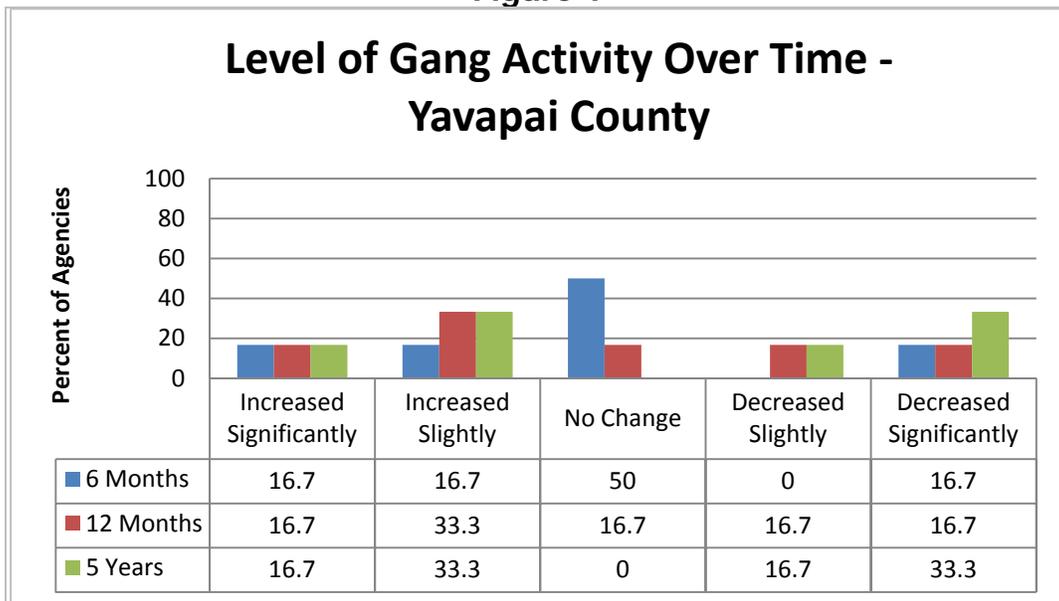
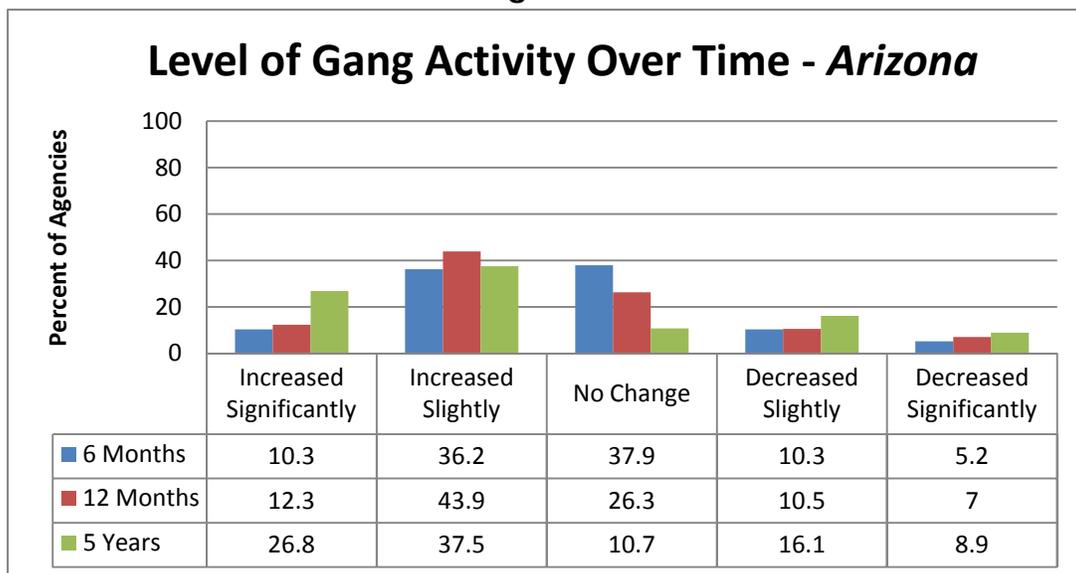


Figure 2



Gang Involvement in Crimes and Drugs

<b>Table 3: Primary Crimes Committed by Gangs (Of the Jurisdictions Reporting Gang Activity)</b>				
<b>Crime</b>	<b>Yavapai County</b>		<b>Arizona</b>	
	<b>Number of Agencies</b>	<b>Percent of Agencies</b>	<b>Number of Agencies</b>	<b>Percent of Agencies</b>
Criminal Damage	4	66.7%	17	30.9%
Assault/Aggravated Assault	2	33.3%	43	78.2%
Burglary	2	33.3%	23	41.8%
Threatening and Intimidation	2	33.3%	13	23.6%
Vandalism/Graffiti/Tagging	2	33.3%	13	23.6%
Drug Offenses	1	16.7%	15	27.3%
Theft	1	16.7%	10	18.2%
Traffic	1	16.7%	1	1.8%
<b>Number of Agencies Responding</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>55</b>	

Agencies were asked to report the primary crimes committed by gangs within their respective jurisdictions (Table 3). This question was open-ended, and respondents were asked to list

the crimes that were being committed by gangs in their jurisdictions with no limit to the number and types of crimes that could be reported. Table 3 also provides the number of agencies at the state level who reported the same crimes identified by law enforcement in Yavapai County.

Four of the six agencies with a gang presence in Yavapai County reported criminal damage as a primary crime committed by gangs within their respective jurisdictions. Other crimes listed by agencies in Yavapai County include assault/aggravated assault, burglary, threatening and intimidation, vandalism/graffiti/tagging, drug offenses, theft, and traffic.

Law enforcement agencies also rated the level of gang involvement within their jurisdictions for 15 specific crime categories. Agencies ranked the level of gang involvement for each type of crime based on the following five categories: high, moderate, low, none, and unknown gang involvement. This categorical question provides consistent measurements over time for the level of gang involvement across a predetermined set of violent and property crimes.

In 2009, two of the Yavapai County agencies reported high gang involvement for vandalism/graffiti/tagging, and one agency reported high gang involvement for intimidation/extortion and robbery (Table 4). A number of agencies also reported a moderate level of involvement in auto theft, burglary, felonious assault, and human trafficking in 2009.

<b>Table 4: Level of Gang Involvement in Crime (Of the Jurisdictions Reporting Gang Activity)</b>						
	<b>Year</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>Unknown</b>
Vandalism/Graffiti/Tagging*	2007	-	40.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%
	2008	14.3%	57.1%	14.3%	-	14.3%
	2009	40.0%	40.0%	-	-	20.0%
<i>Arizona</i>	2009	57.1%	28.6%	8.9%	-	5.4%
Intimidation/Extortion	2007	-	40.0%	20.0%	-	40.0%
	2008	14.3%	42.9%	28.6%	-	14.3%
	2009	16.7%	16.7%	16.7%	16.7%	33.3%
<i>Arizona</i>	2009	15.5%	31.0%	31.0%	6.9%	15.5%

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Robbery	2007	-	-	60.0%	20.0%	20.0%
	2008	14.3%	-	28.6%	14.3%	42.9%
	2009	16.7%	-	16.7%	16.7%	50.0%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>12.1%</i>	<i>29.3%</i>	<i>25.9%</i>	<i>20.7%</i>	<i>12.1%</i>
Auto Theft	2007	-	-	40.0%	20.0%	40.0%
	2008	-	14.3%	28.6%	28.6%	28.6%
	2009	-	33.3%	33.3%	16.7%	16.7%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>12.1%</i>	<i>39.7%</i>	<i>20.7%</i>	<i>19.0%</i>	<i>8.6%</i>
Burglary	2007	-	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	40.0%
	2008	14.3%	28.6%	-	14.3%	42.9%
	2009	-	33.3%	33.3%	-	33.3%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>22.4%</i>	<i>41.4%</i>	<i>19.0%</i>	<i>6.9%</i>	<i>10.3%</i>
Felonious Assault	2007	-	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	40.0%
	2008	14.3%	42.9%	28.6%	-	14.3%
	2009	-	33.3%	33.3%	16.7%	16.7%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>17.5%</i>	<i>35.1%</i>	<i>28.1%</i>	<i>10.5%</i>	<i>8.8%</i>
Human Trafficking*	2007	-	-	20.0%	20.0%	60.0%
	2008	-	14.3%	14.3%	14.3%	57.1%
	2009	-	20.0%	-	20.0%	60.0%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>8.8%</i>	<i>17.5%</i>	<i>14.0%</i>	<i>31.6%</i>	<i>28.1%</i>
Firearms Trafficking	2007	-	-	60.0%	-	40.0%
	2008	-	42.9%	14.3%	-	42.9%
	2009	-	-	50.0%	33.3%	16.7%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>5.3%</i>	<i>22.8%</i>	<i>24.6%</i>	<i>26.3%</i>	<i>21.1%</i>
Fraud*	2007	-	-	60.0%	-	40.0%
	2008	-	14.3%	42.9%	-	42.9%
	2009	-	-	20.0%	20.0%	60.0%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>13.0%</i>	<i>14.8%</i>	<i>27.8%</i>	<i>20.4%</i>	<i>24.1%</i>
Identity Theft*	2007	-	20.0%	20.0%	-	60.0%
	2008	-	14.3%	42.9%	-	42.9%
	2009	-	-	20.0%	20.0%	60.0%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>12.3%</i>	<i>22.8%</i>	<i>21.1%</i>	<i>21.1%</i>	<i>22.8%</i>
Prostitution*	2007	-	-	20.0%	40.0%	40.0%
	2008	-	14.3%	28.6%	28.6%	28.6%
	2009	-	-	20.0%	40.0%	40.0%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>5.3%</i>	<i>14.0%</i>	<i>40.4%</i>	<i>38.6%</i>
Arson	2007	-	-	20.0%	40.0%	40.0%
	2008	-	-	14.3%	42.9%	42.9%
	2009	-	-	16.7%	50.0%	33.3%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>3.4%</i>	<i>5.2%</i>	<i>19.0%</i>	<i>46.6%</i>	<i>25.9%</i>
Kidnapping	2007	-	-	20.0%	40.0%	40.0%
	2008	-	-	14.3%	42.9%	42.9%
	2009	-	-	16.7%	50.0%	33.3%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>3.5%</i>	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>31.6%</i>	<i>42.1%</i>	<i>21.1%</i>
Murder	2007	-	-	20.0%	40.0%	40.0%
	2008	-	-	16.7%	33.3%	50.0%
	2009	-	-	16.7%	66.7%	16.7%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>3.6%</i>	<i>14.3%</i>	<i>28.6%</i>	<i>44.6%</i>	<i>8.9%</i>
Sexual Assault/Rape	2007	-	-	20.0%	20.0%	60.0%
	2008	-	-	14.3%	42.9%	42.9%
	2009	-	-	16.7%	33.3%	50.0%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>5.3%</i>	<i>31.6%</i>	<i>36.8%</i>	<i>24.6%</i>

\*Only five of the six agencies reporting a gang presence responded to this question.

In addition to the level of gang involvement by crime type, agencies rated the level of gang involvement in the distribution of various illegal drugs. Two agencies in Yavapai County reported that gangs had a moderate level of involvement in the street sales of drugs, one agency reported a moderate level of drug manufacturing, and one agency reported a moderate level of the wholesale of drugs (Table 5). A number of agencies reported that gangs had a moderate level of involvement in the distribution of heroin (33.3 percent), marijuana (33.3 percent), methamphetamine (33.3 percent), and powdered cocaine (16.7 percent).

Table 5: Gang Involvement in the Distribution of Drugs (Of the Jurisdictions Reporting Gang Activity)						
		High	Moderate	Low	None	Unknown
Drugs – Street Sales	2007	-	60.0%	40.0%	-	-
	2008	28.6%	42.9%	14.3%	-	14.3%
	2009	-	33.3%	33.3%	-	33.3%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>29.3%</i>	<i>36.2%</i>	<i>27.6%</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>6.9%</i>
Drugs – Manufacture	2007	-	-	40.0%	-	60.0%
	2008	14.3%	14.3%	28.6%	-	42.9%
	2009	-	16.7%	-	33.3%	50.0%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>10.5%</i>	<i>36.8%</i>	<i>21.1%</i>	<i>31.6%</i>
Drugs – Wholesale	2007	-	-	60.0%	-	40.0%
	2008	28.6%	-	28.6%	-	42.9%
	2009	-	16.7%	-	-	83.3%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>5.2%</i>	<i>29.3%</i>	<i>31.0%</i>	<i>8.6%</i>	<i>25.9%</i>
Marijuana Grows	2007	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2008	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2009	-	-	33.3%	16.7%	50.0%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>5.2%</i>	<i>41.4%</i>	<i>20.7%</i>	<i>32.8%</i>
Heroin	2007	-	-	50.0%	25.0%	25.0%
	2008	-	-	57.1%	-	42.9%
	2009	-	33.3%	16.7%	-	50.0%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>10.3%</i>	<i>29.3%</i>	<i>24.1%</i>	<i>19.0%</i>	<i>17.2%</i>
Marijuana	2007	20.0%	80.0%	-	-	-
	2008	28.6%	42.9%	14.3%	-	14.3%
	2009	-	33.3%	33.3%	16.7%	16.7%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>44.8%</i>	<i>29.3%</i>	<i>15.5%</i>	<i>3.4%</i>	<i>6.9%</i>
Methamphetamine	2007	40.0%	60.0%	-	-	-
	2008	42.9%	28.6%	14.3%	-	14.3%
	2009	-	33.3%	16.7%	16.7%	33.3%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>31.6%</i>	<i>36.8%</i>	<i>14.0%</i>	<i>8.8%</i>	<i>8.8%</i>
Powdered Cocaine	2007	-	20.0%	40.0%	-	40.0%
	2008	-	42.9%	14.3%	-	42.9%
	2009	-	16.7%	16.7%	16.7%	50.0%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>6.9%</i>	<i>13.8%</i>	<i>43.1%</i>	<i>20.7%</i>	<i>15.5%</i>
Crack Cocaine	2007	-	-	40.0%	20.0%	40.0%
	2008	-	-	14.3%	14.3%	71.4%
	2009	-	-	16.7%	16.7%	66.7%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>10.3%</i>	<i>12.1%</i>	<i>29.3%</i>	<i>32.8%</i>	<i>15.5%</i>
MDMA (Ecstasy) and analogs	2007	-	-	20.0%	20.0%	60.0%
	2008	-	14.3%	14.3%	14.3%	57.1%
	2009	-	-	16.7%	16.7%	66.7%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>17.2%</i>	<i>27.6%</i>	<i>29.3%</i>	<i>25.9%</i>
Pharmaceuticals	2007	-	-	20.0%	-	80.0%
	2008	-	16.7%	16.7%	16.7%	50.0%

	2009	-	-	16.7%	16.7%	66.7%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>6.9%</i>	<i>24.1%</i>	<i>32.8%</i>	<i>10.3%</i>	<i>25.9%</i>

*Level of Activity by Gang*

Law enforcement agencies reported the level of activity within their jurisdictions for 26 specific gangs. The list of gangs in the Arizona Gang Threat Assessment was selected based on the gangs listed in the National Gang Threat Assessment, allowing for a state and national comparison.

According to the 2009 responses, none of the gangs were listed by Yavapai County agencies as having high levels of activity (Table 6). Yavapai County law enforcement agencies identified the Hells Angels OMG (33.3 percent), Hispanic Sureños/SUR 13 (33.3 percent), Aryan Brotherhood (16.7 percent), the Black Gangster Disciples (16.7 percent), Mexican Mafia/La Eme (16.7 percent), neighborhood-based drug trafficking groups/crews (16.7 percent), and the Skinheads (16.7 percent) as having moderate levels of activity in 2009.

<b>Table 6: Level of Activity by Gang (Of the Jurisdictions Reporting Gang Activity)</b>						
	<b>Year</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>	<b>Unknown</b>
Hells Angels OMG	2007	-	-	100.0%	-	-
	2008	14.3%	14.3%	71.4%	-	-
	2009	-	33.3%	50.0%	-	16.7%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>5.3%</i>	<i>28.1%</i>	<i>29.8%</i>	<i>29.8%</i>	<i>7.0%</i>
Hispanic Sureños (SUR 13)	2007	-	25.0%	-	75.0%	-
	2008	-	42.9%	28.6%	28.6%	-
	2009	-	33.3%	16.7%	33.3%	16.7%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>24.6%</i>	<i>33.3%</i>	<i>24.6%</i>	<i>12.3%</i>	<i>5.3%</i>
Aryan Brotherhood	2007	Not Included in 2007 Survey				
	2008	28.6%	14.3%	42.9%	14.3%	-
	2009	-	16.7%	33.3%	16.7%	33.3%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>5.3%</i>	<i>15.8%</i>	<i>45.6%</i>	<i>22.8%</i>	<i>10.5%</i>
Black Gangster Disciples	2007	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2008	-	16.7%	-	50.0%	33.3%
	2009	-	16.7%	-	50.0%	33.3%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>3.5%</i>	<i>10.5%</i>	<i>70.2%</i>	<i>14.0%</i>
Mexican Mafia/La Eme	2007	-	40.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%
	2008	-	-	71.4%	28.6%	-
	2009	-	16.7%	16.7%	33.3%	33.3%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>12.3%</i>	<i>15.8%</i>	<i>38.6%</i>	<i>21.1%</i>	<i>12.3%</i>
Neighborhood-based Drug Trafficking Groups/Crews	2007	-	25.0%	-	75.0%	-
	2008	-	14.3%	-	85.7%	-
	2009	-	16.7%	-	50.0%	33.3%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>8.6%</i>	<i>29.3%</i>	<i>22.4%</i>	<i>32.8%</i>	<i>6.9%</i>
Skinheads	2007	-	40.0%	60.0%	-	-
	2008	14.3%	42.9%	28.6%	-	14.3%
	2009	-	16.7%	50.0%	16.7%	16.7%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>5.3%</i>	<i>14.0%</i>	<i>42.1%</i>	<i>28.1%</i>	<i>10.5%</i>
Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13)	2007	-	-	-	75.0%	25.0%
	2008	-	-	57.1%	28.6%	14.3%
	2009	-	-	50.0%	16.7%	33.3%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>5.3%</i>	<i>42.1%</i>	<i>40.4%</i>	<i>12.3%</i>

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18 <sup>th</sup> Street Gang	2007	-	-	-	75.0%	25.0%
	2008	-	14.3%	-	71.4%	14.3%
	2009	-	-	33.3%	50.0%	16.7%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	-	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>28.1%</i>	<i>59.6%</i>	<i>10.5%</i>
Crips (all sets)	2007	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2008	-	14.3%	14.3%	71.4%	-
	2009	-	-	33.3%	50.0%	16.7%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>15.8%</i>	<i>19.3%</i>	<i>26.3%</i>	<i>28.1%</i>	<i>10.5%</i>
Gangster Disciples	2007	-	25.0%	-	75.0%	-
	2008	-	-	-	85.7%	14.3%
	2009	-	-	33.3%	50.0%	16.7%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>21.1%</i>	<i>64.9%</i>	<i>10.5%</i>
Bloods (all sets)	2007	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2008	-	-	14.3%	85.7%	-
	2009	-	-	16.7%	50.0%	33.3%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>14.0%</i>	<i>14.0%</i>	<i>33.3%</i>	<i>26.3%</i>	<i>12.3%</i>
Border Brothers	2007	-	-	25.0%	50.0%	25.0%
	2008	-	-	-	85.7%	14.3%
	2009	-	-	16.7%	66.7%	16.7%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	-	<i>3.6%</i>	<i>28.6%</i>	<i>57.1%</i>	<i>10.7%</i>
La Raza	2007	-	-	25.0%	50.0%	25.0%
	2008	-	-	-	85.7%	14.3%
	2009	-	-	16.7%	66.7%	16.7%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	-	-	<i>14.0%</i>	<i>73.7%</i>	<i>12.3%</i>
Latin Kings	2007	-	-	-	75.0%	25.0%
	2008	-	14.3%	14.3%	71.4%	-
	2009	-	-	16.7%	66.7%	16.7%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	-	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>31.6%</i>	<i>54.4%</i>	<i>12.3%</i>
Outlaws OMG	2007	-	33.3%	-	66.7%	-
	2008	-	-	33.3%	66.7%	-
	2009	-	-	16.7%	33.3%	50.0%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	-	<i>3.6%</i>	<i>12.5%</i>	<i>69.6%</i>	<i>14.3%</i>
UBN	2007	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2008	-	-	14.3%	71.4%	14.3%
	2009	-	-	-	83.3%	16.7%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	-	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>8.9%</i>	<i>66.1%</i>	<i>23.2%</i>
Almighty P Stone Nation	2007	-	-	-	75.0%	25.0%
	2008	-	-	-	85.7%	-
	2009	-	-	-	66.7%	33.3%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	-	-	<i>7.0%</i>	<i>75.4%</i>	<i>17.5%</i>
Bandidos OMG	2007	-	-	-	66.7%	33.3%
	2008	-	28.6%	14.3%	57.1%	-
	2009	-	-	-	66.7%	33.3%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	-	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>19.3%</i>	<i>66.7%</i>	<i>12.3%</i>
Hispanic Norteños (14)	2007	-	-	25.0%	75.0%	-
	2008	-	-	28.6%	71.4%	-
	2009	-	-	-	66.7%	33.3%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>3.5%</i>	<i>8.8%</i>	<i>40.4%</i>	<i>38.6%</i>	<i>8.8%</i>
Vice Lords	2007	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2008	-	-	14.3%	71.4%	14.3%
	2009	-	-	-	66.7%	33.3%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	-	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>10.5%</i>	<i>68.4%</i>	<i>19.3%</i>
Pagans OMG	2007	-	-	-	75.0%	25.0%
	2008	-	-	14.3%	85.7%	-
	2009	-	-	-	60.0%	40.0%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	-	-	<i>8.9%</i>	<i>78.6%</i>	<i>12.5%</i>

Asian Gangs (all sets)	2007	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2008	-	-	-	85.7%	14.3%
	2009	-	-	-	50.0%	50.0%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	-	-	<i>12.5%</i>	<i>66.1%</i>	<i>21.4%</i>
Texas Syndicate	2007	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2008	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2009	-	-	-	50.0%	50.0%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	-	-	<i>3.5%</i>	<i>75.4%</i>	<i>21.1%</i>
La Nuestra Familia	2007	-	-	-	75.0%	25.0%
	2008	-	-	28.6%	57.1%	14.3%
	2009	-	-	-	33.3%	66.7%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>10.5%</i>	<i>64.9%</i>	<i>21.1%</i>
Mexikanemi (Texas Mexican Mafia)	2007	-	-	-	100.0%	-
	2008	-	-	-	85.7%	14.3%
	2009	-	-	-	40.0%	60.0%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	-	-	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>78.6%</i>	<i>19.6%</i>

### Level of Gang Coordination

The survey also contains questions regarding gangs coordinating their activity with other gangs. In 2009, no agencies in Yavapai County reported that gangs were coordinating with other gangs within their jurisdictions (Table 7).

<b>Table 7: Gang Coordination with Other Gangs (Of the Jurisdictions Reporting Gang Activity)</b>				
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2009 Arizona</b>
Yes	0.0%	42.9%	0.0%	44.6%
No	60.0%	28.6%	100.0%	42.9%
Unsure/Don't Know	40.0%	28.6%	0.0%	12.5%
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>56</b>

### Most Effective Gang Responses

Agency respondents provided information pertaining to which strategies were the most effective in their respective jurisdictions when combating gangs. Prior to the 2009 assessment, agencies were asked to simply list any strategies that were effective within their jurisdictions. To make responses more consistent over time, researchers changed the question in the 2009 Arizona Gang Threat Assessment by instructing agency representatives to select from a number of response categories. The new response categories provide a range of activities that may not have been previously considered by the respondents during prior survey administrations. For this reason, the change in the structure of the question is a likely explanation for the large increases in some categories of interdiction, intervention, and suppression strategies.

Enforcement (66.7 percent of agencies), identification of gang members (50.0 percent), joint efforts with other agencies (33.3 percent), GIITEM (16.7 percent), school programs (16.7 percent), and special prosecution programs (16.7 percent) were the strategies identified by Yavapai County agencies as effective gang responses within their jurisdictions (Table 8).

**Table 8: Effective Gang Interdiction, Intervention, or Suppression Strategies**

	2007		2008		2009		2009 Arizona	
	Number of Agencies	Percent of Agencies						
Enforcement	1	20.0%	1	14.3%	4	66.7%	46	78.0%
Identification of Gang Members	0	0.0%	1	14.3%	3	50.0%	39	66.1%
Joint Efforts with Other Agencies	0	0.0%	1	14.3%	2	33.3%	29	49.2%
GIITEM	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	16.7%	34	57.6%
School Programs	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	16.7%	17	28.8%
Special Prosecution Programs	0	0.0%	1	14.3%	1	16.7%	13	22.0%
Community Programs	1	20.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	8	13.6%
Gang Crime/Intelligence Data Analyses	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	22	37.3%
Law Enforcement Gang Units	1	20.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	19	32.2%

*Task Force Participation*

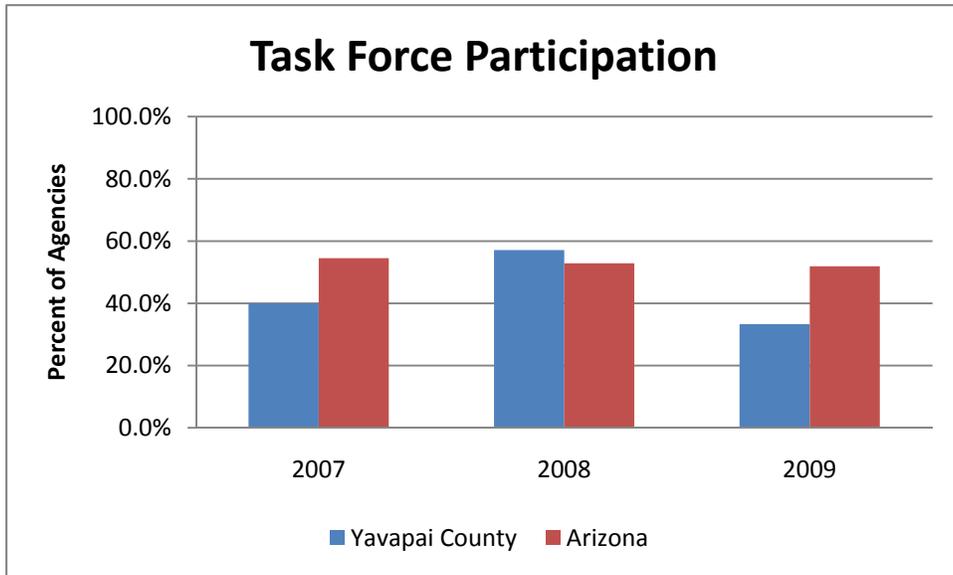
Under the direction of the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS), the Gang Intelligence and Immigration Team Enforcement Mission (GIITEM) assists criminal justice agencies statewide with multi-agency collaboration for criminal gang enforcement and investigative strategies. GIITEM brings together law enforcement agencies from federal, state, county, municipal, and tribal jurisdictions in a coordinated, intelligence-driven approach to suppress gang presence on a large scale.

In 2006, after several years of declining resources and downsizing operations resulting from state revenue shortfalls, DPS received funding to revitalize GIITEM and enhance its mission to include combating illegal immigration and human smuggling. More specifically, GIITEM is charged with:

- 1) Deterring criminal gang activity through investigations, arrest and prosecution;
- 2) Dismantling gang-related criminal enterprises;
- 3) Deterring border-related crimes;
- 4) Disrupting human smuggling organizations;
- 5) Collecting, analyzing and disseminating gang and illegal immigration intelligence; and
- 6) Providing anti-gang awareness training to communities and schools.

In the 2007 and 2008 Arizona Gang Threat Assessment, agencies were asked if they *participate* or *lead* a multi-agency task force. In 2009, agencies were only asked if they *participate* in a multi-agency gang task force. Two of the six Yavapai County agencies that responded to the survey reported that they participated in a multi-agency task force, which was a decline from previous years. One agency indicated that they participated in GIITEM.

Figure 3



## **Conclusion**

Gang activity continues to negatively affect many law enforcement jurisdictions in Yavapai County and throughout Arizona. Multiple agencies reported significant gang involvement in crime and drug distribution within their respective jurisdictions during 2009. Law enforcement agencies reported a moderate level of gang involvement in the distribution of heroin, marijuana, methamphetamine, and powdered cocaine. Law enforcement agencies expressed concern with gang involvement in assault/aggravated assault, burglary, threatening and intimidation, vandalism/graffiti/tagging, drug offenses, theft, and traffic within their jurisdictions.

The most active gangs identified by Yavapai County law enforcement agencies were the Hells Angels OMG, Hispanic Sureños/SUR 13, Aryan Brotherhood, the Black Gangster Disciples, Mexican Mafia/La Eme, neighborhood-based drug trafficking groups/crews, and the Skinheads. These gangs were reported as having a moderate level of involvement in the jurisdictions reporting a gang presence in Yavapai County.

Over the past three years, law enforcement agencies in Yavapai County reported an increase in the presence of gangs and the problems associated with gangs in their jurisdictions. The percentage of agencies reporting gangs and gang activity has increased from 45.5 percent in 2007 to 54.5 percent in 2009. The data also reveals that law enforcement agencies were concerned about gang involvement in many types of crimes within their jurisdictions during 2009. While 40.0 percent of agencies reported that gangs were expanding their scope of activities, no agencies reported that gangs were coordinating with other gangs. Despite a higher number of agencies reporting a gang presence within their jurisdictions, the number of agencies that participated in a multi-agency task force decreased from 2007 to 2009.

The data collected from local law enforcement agencies illustrates what many working in the criminal justice system already know: Yavapai County communities, communities across the state, and the law enforcement agencies that serve these communities continue to face a significant gang problem. Through the research work of the SAC, the ACJC intends for the Yavapai County gang profile and the state gang report to inform policy makers, practitioners, and other stakeholders on gangs and gang activity both at the state and county level.