

attempt burglary, or,

- Physical evidence of prowling is found, or,
- The victim insists that a report be made.

These pages are taken from the LAPD Manual.

Note the definitions of "gang," "gang member," "affiliate gang member," etc.

267. ESPIONAGE OR SABOTAGE ACTIVITIES.

267.50 REPORTING ESPIONAGE OR SABOTAGE ACTIVITIES. Employees receiving information pertaining to espionage or sabotage activities shall:

- Telephonically notify Criminal Conspiracy Section, Major Crimes Division;
- Complete an Intelligence Report, Form 01.89.00, in duplicate, forwarding the original to Criminal Conspiracy Section, Major Crimes Division in a sealed envelope via intra-departmental mail.

Exception: When the information is of such a confidential nature that the integrity of an ensuing investigation might be jeopardized by reducing the information to writing, the Form 01.89.00 shall not be completed.

Note: When Criminal Conspiracy Section, Major Crimes Division is closed, the reporting employee shall request that the Watch Commander, Detective Support and Vice Division, advise the concerned on-call personnel of the closed unit to contact the employee.

269. CAL/GANG SYSTEM AND GANG FILE GUIDELINES. The CAL/GANG System shall be the Department's only authorized system for the collection, storage, and retrieval of gang information. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is the Los Angeles County CAL/GANG Administrator. The Commanding Officer, Gang and Operations Support Division (GOSD), is the Department's CAL/GANG Administrator.

269.10 DEFINITIONS.

Gang. A group of three or more persons who have a common identifying sign, symbol, or name, and whose members individually or collectively engage in, or have engaged in, a pattern or criminal activity creating an atmosphere of fear and intimidation within the community.

Note: Any group, including outlaw motorcycle gangs, prison gangs, posses, taggers, party crews, subversive groups and their associated membership that qualify under the definition of a gang may be maintained in the CAL/GANG System.

Gang Member. A juvenile or adult who has been positively identified and documented as a gang member under the California Department of Justice's (DOJ) approved criteria.

Affiliate Gang Member. A juvenile or adult who is identified by a gang officer as one who associates with a gang, but it not necessarily a full member.

Gang Officer. Any officer or detective assigned to a Department authorized gang investigation unit including, but not limited to, Area Gang Impact Teams (GIT), Bureau Gang Coordinator, and Gang and Operations Support Division.

Gang-Related Crime. Any crime may constitute a gang-related crime when the suspect or victim is an active or affiliate gang member, or when circumstances indicate that the crime is consistent with gang activity.

Note: Crime consistent with gang activity can include, but is not limited to, incidents when:

- The suspect or victim has a gang tattoo(s);
- The suspect or victim has a gang moniker;
- A statement indicating gang involvement was made;
- The suspect or victim demonstrated gang behavior; or,
- Multiple suspects and gang modus operandi (MO) were involved.

Determining if a crime is gang-related is subjective in nature and is a result of a totality of the circumstances. Classification cannot be accomplished accurately without a high degree of gang expertise or validation through the CAL/GANG System.

One or more of the following gang-related criteria shall be used to justify that a crime is gang-related. The reference number correlating to the applicable criteria shall be entered on the Gang Tracking Information Record for each crime classified as gang-related and should be highlighted and/or circled on the report (e.g. Investigative Report, Arrest Report, etc.) itself.

Reference Gang-Related Number Justification Criteria.

1. The suspect or victim is a known gang member previously entered into the CAL/GANG System. (Note on the report when suspect is in the CAL/GANG System.)
2. The suspect or victim is a known gang member or affiliate. (Validated by information in the Automated Field Interview (AFI)/NECS, or witness/victim statements.)
3. The suspect or victim has a gang tattoo(s).
4. The suspect or victim has a gang moniker.
5. A statement indicating gang involvement was made.
6. The suspect or victim was “dressed down” or wearing gang colors or clothing.
7. The suspect or victim was demonstrating gang behavior (using gang hand signs).
8. Multiple suspects and gang Modus Operandi (MO) involved.
9. The location of the crime was within identified gang boundaries, or at a known gang location or hangout.
10. Similar reports where the suspects were identified as gang members (Similar MOs, suspects, times and location).
11. The type and/or MO of the crime is inherently gang-related (e.g. drive-by shootings, etc.)

The Area GIT officer in charge shall approve the gang-related crime classification. In the rare circumstance when the classification cannot be determined at the Area level, the Bureau Gang Coordinator shall make the

determination. When the Bureau Gang Coordinator cannot determine the classification, the commanding officer, GOSD, shall make the final determination.

Gang-Related Statistical Crimes. When the following violent crimes are determined to be gang-related, they shall be monitored statistically by the Department to assess the level of gang crime in an Area. The statistically monitored gang-related crimes are:

- Murder;
- Attempt Murder;
- Felony Assault;
- Assault on a Police Officer (Includes Battery, Assault with a Deadly Weapon and Attempt Murder on a Police Officer);
- Robbery;
- Shots Fired into an Inhabited Dwelling;
- Kidnap;
- Rape;
- Arson;
- Witness Intimidation (Includes Terrorist Threats);
- Extortion;
- Carjacking; and,
- Gang-related narcotics violations (Felony Health & Safety Code sections 11350, 11351, 11352, 11357(a), 11358, 11359, 11360, 11370.1, 11377, 11378, and 11379).

Hard-Copy File. The CAL/GANG Card, Form 12.16.09, shall be the only Department authorized hard-copy file that contains detailed information on gang members. The hard copies shall be maintained and secured by the originating gang investigation unit.

Note: All completed Gang Subject I-Card, Form 12.16.4, existing prior to the issuance of the CAL/GANG Card shall be retained and secured as the source document. Updating the I-Card is no longer required.

269.20 CRITERIA FOR GANG MEMBER DOCUMENTATION. The following criteria have been established by the CAL/GANG Executive Board that oversees the operation of the CAL/GANG System Statewide, for identifying individuals as gang members or gang affiliates:

Gang Membership Criteria. Indicators of gang membership shall include at least two of the following criteria:

- Individual admits to being a gang member, in a non-custodial situation;

- Individual has been identified as a gang member by a reliable informant or source. This includes the required registration by court order as described in Penal Code Section 186.30;
- Individual has been identified as a gang member by an untested informant or source with corroboration;
- Individual is wearing gang attire;
- Individual has been seen displaying gang hand signs or symbols;
- Individual has gang tattoos;
- Individual frequents gang areas;
- Individual openly associates with documented gang members; or,
- Individual has been arrested, alone or with known gang members, for a crime consistent with usual gang activity.

When two or more of these criteria are met, a CAL/GANG Card shall be completed by a gang officer for entry into the CAL/GANG System. CAL/GANG Cards shall not be made for individuals that do not meet the criteria.

Gang Affiliate Criteria. An individual who meets only one of the above criteria and is linked with a documented gang member, may be designated as a gang affiliate and entered into the CAL/GANG System. The gang officer shall document the name of the documented gang member with whom the affiliate is associating, the gang member's date of birth, and his/her CAL/GANG number on the affiliate's CAL/GANG Card.

269.25 GANG CRIME TRACKING AND ANALYSIS. The accuracy of the CAL/GANG System is based entirely on the accuracy and timeliness of the information entered into it. The Gang Crime Analysis Detail (G-CAD) shall be responsible for compiling, inputting and interpreting gang-related information in accordance with Manual Section 2/550.55.

269.30 CONTACTS WITH GANG MEMBERS.

Investigations and Arrests. When the arrest or preliminary investigation reveals that the crime is gang-related, the reporting officer shall check the "Extra Copy" box on the front of the arrest report or IR indicating copies be sent to the appropriate Area gang detectives. The reporting officer shall ensure that the narrative fully explains the rationale for determining that the arrest or investigation is gang-related.

Note: Suspected gang membership information may also be further investigated by contacting the Area Gang Impact Team or Bureau Gang Coordinator.

Field Identification. Officers who contact a suspected active or affiliate gang member and determine that the completion of a Field Identification Report (FI Card), Form 15.43.00, is appropriate, shall document the following additional information on the FI Card:

- How gang membership was established (e.g., admits gang membership, tattoos, attire, etc.);
- The specific type of gang activity involved; and,
- The words "GANG MEMBER" or "GANG AFFILIATE" in the narrative portion of the FI Card, depending upon the criteria documented by the officer.