



TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

CRIMINAL GANG INVESTIGATION TECHNIQUES JUNE 4, 2015 0800-1700

The United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida and the Center for Public Safety Innovation at St. Petersburg College are pleased to announce that the Project Safe Neighborhoods Violent Gang and Gun Crime Reduction Program will conduct a one day class on Gang Investigation Techniques. The training is being held at St. Petersburg College Allstate Center. There are no fees or costs to attend the training.

Criminal gangs are today's organized crime with documented ties to transnational criminal and terrorist organizations. Like most criminal enterprises, criminal gangs have evolved into complex organizations with financial, logistical, human, and hardware resources, which are a threat to the public as well as law enforcement officers. Even hybrid/local gangs with no national affiliations are capable of seizing a community through violence or the threat of violence, while also engaging in substantial criminal activity that impacts law enforcement efforts. This tuition-free eight-hour course is designed to provide investigators, prosecutors, probation, and corrections personnel with investigative techniques and strategies to effectively target criminal gangs through proper documentation, threat assessment, and intelligence gathering.

When and Where:

The training event will be held on Thursday, June 4, 2015, hosted by the Center for Public Safety Innovation at St. Petersburg College Allstate Center, 3200 – 34th Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33711, room 103. Dress is business casual.

For questions or additional information, please contact St. Petersburg College PSN Training Coordinator Gail Walker at 727-344-8020 or by e-mail at walker.gail@spcollege.edu.

Time: 0800 to 1700

To register please visit the RCPI website: <http://cop.spcollege.edu/cop/Registration.htm> or link to: <http://www.spcollege.edu/survey/18327>.

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Instructor:

Roberto Hernandez is a Special Agent with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) assigned to the Orlando Regional Operations Center's Intelligence Squad. Prior to his intelligence assignment, Special Agent Hernandez was assigned to the Organized Crime Squad where he investigated criminal gangs and other organized crime groups.

Prior to joining FDLE, Special Agent Hernandez was a member of the Orange County Sheriff's Office for nine years, five of which he served in the Gang Enforcement Unit. During his tenure, the Gang Enforcement Unit was selected gang unit of the year by the Florida Gang Investigators Association three out of the five years.

Special Agent Hernandez is also a nationally-recognized gang identification and investigation instructor for the Office of the Attorney General of Florida and for St. Petersburg College's Center for Public Safety Innovation (CPSI) and has been an active member of the CPSI instructor team bringing Community Policing training to Central America.

Prior to his law enforcement career, Special Agent Hernandez served in the United States Navy as a communications specialist and the Naval Reserves as a law enforcement officer.

Special Agent Hernandez is a graduate of Columbia College with a Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice Administration.

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