



Certified Gang Enforcement Officer & Advanced Gang Expert Programs

Serrato and Associates is proud to offer our Certified Gang Enforcement Officer and Certified Advanced Gang Expert Programs. These programs are the only two of their kind and both require the completion of 16 hours of training (two 8 hour courses) as well as the successful completion of the associated examinations. Upon completing the requirements, Serrato & Associates will certify you as a “Certified Gang Enforcement Officer” or a “Certified Advanced Gang Expert”. Additionally, all of the courses in both programs are STC certified!!

How the Programs Works:

Each of the certification programs consists of two 8 hours courses. An examination of the material covered in the course is required at the end of each course to maintain the integrity of the certification and to establish you absorbed and retained the information presented. Upon completion of the requirements you will receive a certificate indicating you are a “Certified Gang Enforcement Officer” or “Certified Advanced Gang Expert”.

The Certified Gang Enforcement Officer Program is a building block for the Certified Advanced Gang Expert Program. Successful completion of the Certified Gang Enforcement Officer program is highly recommended, but not required to attend the Advanced Gang Expert Program.

“Certified Gang Enforcement Officer” Required Courses:

Street Gang Enforcement – Day 1

This course focuses on the foundation of the identification and documentation of gang members both on the streets and in custodial settings. The instruction will include the legal foundation to file and prosecute gang members, an explanation and understanding of PC 186.22(a) gang enhancements and everything you need to know to be successful. Officer Safety issues during contacts, the importance of properly documenting gang members gang members, associates and facilitators through tattoos, paraphernalia and other indicia will be discussed. The instruction will also include current street and custody trends such as politics, communication, control, narcotic sales, taxing and assaults.

Street Gang Investigations – Day 2

This course supplements the Enforcement course and places and emphasis on the investigation aspects of gang contacts, gang injunctions, debriefing and gathering intelligence for multiples sources, cultivating informants, PC 186.30 (gang registrations), how gangs use

social media and conducting searches of gang members and associates. This course will also examine the use of databases, prior contacts (Field Interview and Gang Cards) and Gang Supplements. The legal requirements and other considerations when contacting Juveniles during gang investigations will also be discussed.

“Certified Advanced Gang Expert” Required Courses:

Advanced Gang Investigations – Day 1

This course will focus on the investigation of gang members both on the streets and in a custodial setting to satisfy the requirements for a successful gang case. The instruction will include the importance of gang documentation with both gang FI cards and jail classification records along with the identification and collection of various types of gang indicia. Establishing probable cause and articulating the elements of a gang Search Warrant will be discussed in length. The instruction will also include effective Interviewing and interrogation techniques and the associated Miranda requirements ("People v. Elizalde"). The course will conclude with utilizing witnesses, informants, associated protections (CAL WRAP), and the mechanics of presenting gang cases to the Prosecutor.

Testifying as a Gang Expert – Day 2

This course is the culmination of a gang investigation and prosecution. The instruction will include the often overlooked topics of preparing detailed reports, establishing predicate acts, and filing a gang case. The instruction will conclude with understanding PC 186.22, court records, exhibits for prelim, preparing for trial, and ultimately providing expert testimony. Each student will participate in practical exercises in preparation for the final practical exercise; a gang case “mock trial” will be conducted by two experienced Deputy District Attorneys who prosecuted Hardcore Gang and Homicide cases.

Why Obtain the Certification?

This certification can be used to establish expertise while testifying or when applying for a position on a proactive enforcement unit or gang unit. The certification can also be used to improve your knowledge for an assignment you are already in. Due to the uniqueness of the program this is a great opportunity for anyone in law enforcement who contacts gang members both on the streets and in custody.

Certification Tuition:

The tuition for the course is \$165, which includes both days of instruction and certification.

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