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Important Information

The 2008 Midwest Gang Investigators Conference will be held at:

The Lantern
4428 Sirmore Avenue
Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Lantern Phone: (260) 747-9120

Check for map information on Mapquest.com or maps.google.com

Registrations must be returned by March 5th 2008 or an additional \$10 will be charged.

Prices are as follows:

\$55 per Educator for one day only
(April 7)
Includes breakfast and lunch

\$75 per Law Professional for two days
(April 7 - 8)
Includes breakfast and lunch

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2008

**Indiana chapter
Midwest**

**Gang
Investigators
Association
Conference**

April 7 and 8

Fort Wayne Indiana

- Gangs
- Drug Trends
- Motorcycle Gangs
- Hate Groups & Militia
- Domestic Terrorism

Topics

- Ronald Holmes
Narcotics Supervisor
- Mike Corkhill
Highway Drug Interdiction Expert
- Martin Duncan
Coroner
- Douglas C. Johnson
Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center
- Gary R. Hill
Anti-Domestic League Chicago, IL
- Eric Dietz
IN Department of Homeland Security
Key Speaker - (April 8)

Key Speakers & Instructors

The relationship between drug use and gangs cannot be ignored. Teens who use drugs are likely to engage in violent behavior, steal, abuse other drugs, and join gangs, as compared to teens who do not use drugs. In addition, youth in gangs commit crimes to seven times as many delinquency and criminal offenses as youth who are not gang involved. Since early drug use is an indicator of later gang involvement it is imperative that educators learn to identify emerging drug trends.

Why Educators Should Attend

The FBI estimates that at least 30,000 gangs, with 890,000 members, are impacting 2,500 communities across the United States. As these groups migrate nationwide they bring their culture of violence and fear to each new community. Gangs are adapting their behavior and organizational structure along with the use of technology to effectively evade law enforcement.

Why Law Professionals Should Attend

Law enforcement partners and the courts should be involved in these areas as leading gangs to spread from urban areas into suburban and rural communities. Partnerships with law enforcement, schools, parents, community groups, and youth are important elements in addressing and reducing gang crime in the United States.

Gang Activity is Increasing!



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Registrations are due by March 20th 2008 or an additional \$10 will be charged. Seating is limited to the first 200 LAW Enforcement Personnel and the first 200 Educators.

Registration cost: Please mark selections:
 Law Professional \$75
 Educator \$55

Name _____
 Position Title _____
 Mailing Address _____
 City/State/Zip Code _____
 Agency _____
 Telephone Number _____
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 Conference Registration
 (ID Required at Registration)



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April 7 and 8 are the dates set for a seminar in Fort Wayne, sponsored by the Indiana Chapter of Midwest Gang Investigators Association, with assistance from the Michigan and Ohio Chapters. Monday, April 7 will feature training tracks for educators, with separate sessions for law enforcement. The second day will be all law enforcement, with a keynote presentation by Eric Dietz, Indiana Executive Director of Homeland Security.

A variety of topics, coupled with the low cost, make this a must-attend event. Mike Corkill, from Multi-jurisdictional Counter drug Task Force Training, will present on Current Drug Trends and Identifying the Drugged Person. Martin Duncan, also with MCTFT, will offer new techniques of Vehicle Searches and Hidden Compartments. One of the nation's leading authorities on outlaw motorcycle gangs, Ron Holmes, also with MCTFT, will instruct on Tuesday about current trends and situations with O.M.G. Anti-Defamation League liaison Carla Hill will speak on Extremists, Hate Groups and Militia. From the Indiana Fusion Center, Doug Johnson will offer current information on Domestic Terrorism.

When do you get this array of training for \$75.00? Educators' fees will be \$55.00, including in the registration are daily refreshments, luncheon, and a one-year membership in the Midwest Gang Investigators Association. A short drive from the seminar is located a recommended hotel, the Hampton Inn, Fort Wayne, IN, phone is (260) 459-1999. MGIA has reserved a block of 50 rooms with Hampton Inn at a discounted rate. Other surrounding hotels in the area are the Best Western and Hilton Gardens.

From the national president of MGIA, Bruce Ferrell, "The goal of MGIA is to provide its members with information and education to prevention/intervention specialists, educators, and citizens within our communities regarding the identification, prevention/intervention, and suppression of gangs." This seminar is a part of the continuing mission of the Indiana Chapter/MGIA to help local agencies, officers and educators to combat the effects of rising gang violence and crimes across our state. Continuing Education Units will be available for educators and I.L.E.A. hours will be available for law enforcement.

Please join us on April 7 and 8 in Fort Wayne, Indiana!

Sincerely,
Mike Cox

Indiana Chapter President, M.G.I.A.