



In February, Detective Andy Alegria of the San Fernando Valley Gang Bureau presented a chilling description of the evolution and up to date progress of **“The Most Dangerous Gang in America, MS-13”**

Mara Salvatrucha:

- Maravilla Gangs-Projects in ELA
- MS-13 adopts “Mara” out of respect to “Maravilla” gangs that had connection to “M” Mexican Mafia
- “Salva” is short; Salvadorian
- Trucha is “watch out” or “Beware”

The signs of on-going threats in many cities in America have emerged ominously in **Blood-spattered** urban streets and rural suburbs. Recently, the body of a young woman that informed against her former gang associates was found on the banks of the Shenandoah River, repeatedly stabbed and her head was nearly severed.

A member of the (rival) 18th Street gang was pumped full of .38-caliber bullets, while his female companion, who tried to flee, was shot in the back. The assailant, according to a witness, had a large tattoo emblazoned on his forehead. It read MS, for Mara Salvatrucha, the gang allegedly responsible for many attacks.

MS-13 — the focus of a nationwide crackdown by FBI and federal immigration and local law enforcement agents — has become known in recent years for home invasion robberies, drug dealing and machete attacks on its enemies. However, what is happening have law enforcement officials concerned that MS-13 could be far more dangerous than originally believed.

From low-income neighborhoods in Los Angeles, MS-13 has spread throughout the USA, largely following the migration patterns of immigrants from El Salvador and other Central American nations. With a membership, that the FBI estimates could be as high as 50,000, **MS-13** is most active in Los Angeles, the Mid-Atlantic, Rhode Island, and Connecticut.

Detective Alegria was extremely comprehensive in his characterization of gangs stating, gangs are not specific to any culture but rather are criminal groups who band together for their own personal gains.

They mark their territory with violence, using very distressing tagging and blood left over from those violent killings. Taggers that were once looked upon as less than homicidal individuals are now realized as bona fide threats.

RECRUITING

MS-13 frequent many locations such as middle schools, Hispanic dance clubs and carnivals; recruiting young Hispanic males, immigrants, outcasts (that do not fit in) and Tagger Crews (Junior Mara Krew).

THEY SHOW NO FEAR OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

MS-13 is responsible for the execution of no less than 3 Federal Agents and numerous shootings of law enforcement officers across the country. Shooting a law enforcement officer shows extreme loyalty to their gang.

INFILTRATION

Perhaps the most disturbing fact of all is the infiltration of the dangerous gang into the main blood stream of our working society!

Because of on-going investigations, we are not able to discuss the many corporations and Government (yes, I said government) agencies they have penetrated.

I can say however, you must take every precaution available to you without discriminating, to ensure your company and your personal world is not permeated by this ruthless organization.

Naturally, the obvious signs of tattoos are a dead give-away however, don't be fooled. They make their deep penetration with individuals that are not tattooed, using many times, young Hispanic women in areas such as accounting, human resources (you did read this correctly) and departments that produce sensitive and personal information.

In many cases, the hard-core gang member has infiltrated companies that to this day refuse to conduct a criminal background check and drug test. Hard to believe, yet it's true.

Obviously, you wouldn't intentionally place yourself in harms way with a bad choice of whom you might do business with or employ in your company or in your home, would you?

If your not careful and perform a little due diligence, you may make the mistake of a lifetime!

HOW TOPICAL

Coinciding with our presentation, within days, NBC and The National Geographic Program (Lisa Ling) each televised documentaries on this vicious gang.

Our goal is to keep you....advised and up to date.....

Be safe!

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