24.   GANGS AND EXTREMIST GROUPS: A Clear and Present Danger

The FBI states gangs and extremist groups pose the greatest danger to the American public. The opportunity to stumble into a bad drug buy, gang assault, drive-by shooting or sovereign citizen property has increased dramatically in recent years. This program is based on the FBI's Annual Gang Report, The Southern Poverty Law Center's Hate Group Report and data from the Florida, Georgia and North Carolina Gang Investigator's Associations. The focus will be on gang and extremist group identification and affiliation activities, developing an awareness of group activity in your jurisdiction, building relationships with gang investigators and implementing cross-agency response guidelines.

This class will only be offered on Sunday.

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