

# ALPES Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 08, 2013

**In attendance:** Irene Gonzales, Yvonne Torres, Aracelys Torrez, Gladys Bonilla, Carla Piedrahita, Luke Keeler, Petra Hager, Martha Morales, Melisa Edwards Smith.

- 1. The meeting was called to order by Aracelys at 6:15 p.m.**
- 2. The City of Raleigh Police Department came to speak about Gang Prevention Initiatives here in Raleigh. The officers were Ernie W. Gilgyardi and Zachary L. Turner**

They have a 3 pronged strategy to combat gangs: prevention; intervention; suppression

6-10 police officers on each squad (They also have a youth and family squad)

There are 6 policing squads to help with the prevention efforts of gangs.

Youth and Family services:

- Family Violence and Intervention unit
  - 1) All cases involving domestic violence
  - 2) Advocates for victims of domestic violence.
  - 3) Oversees the Raleigh Police Department Intervention programs (Baseball, fishing and other activities with officers to help combat gangs in Raleigh).
- Juvenile Detective Unit
  - 1) All cases involving juvenile victims and suspects under the age of 16. Within this past year, murders and violent crimes continue to be committed by younger and younger individuals between the ages of 13-14 years old. Many 9 and 10 year olds are starting to be recruited by gangs.
- Youth Service Officers
  - 1) Provides guidance and mentorship to juveniles identified as "at-risk"
  - 2) Coordinate summer youth initiatives
  - 3) Police Explorer program
- Youth Mentors
  - 1) Retired RPD officers are assigned community centers throughout the city to act as role models.
- Gang Suppression unit
  - 1) Combat intimidation by gang members (visit and maintain presence within neighborhood where gang violence often occurs to help prevent problems from occurring)
  - 2) Search for wanted gang members
  - 3) Maintain intelligence on gang structure
  - 4) Focus on most violent gang offenders

Active Gangs within Wake County

- Surenos 13 (South Side) - Most gang members are 15-18 years old and most work and are going to school. Many of the individuals are also going into the military. They were put together originally in California and their color is blue because of the bandanas they received in prison while in California. Surenos were from the southern part of California and Nortenos are from the northern part of California (within the city of Bakersville). Their symbols that they use and how they present themselves are listed below.
  - 1) 13 = M
  - 2) M = Mexican Mafia
  - 3) \*\*\* = Mi Vida Loca
  - 4) MS13
- Within the Surenos there are different groups:
  - 1) Compas (CPS 13)
  - 2) Tarascos (TCS 13)
  - 3) Huerfanos (OPHS 13)
  - 4) Brown Pride Aztecas (BPA 13)
  - 5) Big Colonia (BC 13)
  - 6) South Side Lunaticos (SSL 13)
  - 7) Triste Lokotes Surenos (TLS 13)

Other Gangs within Wake County are:

- 18<sup>th</sup> Street
- Latin Kings
- Very Dangerous Mexicans (VDM 31)
- Pueblo Grande (PG)
- Nostenos 14

There are over 2000 gang groups in Raleigh

The most active gang in Raleigh is the Bloods (one of their main hubs is in Raleigh)

Every gang has different things to make money (robbery, bank transactions, break-ins)

Gangs don't tag as much and they don't use graffiti.

Some advice that ALPES members gave to the Raleigh Gang Prevention Unit was to advertise to the Hispanic community in the local media such as visit the radio station, Univision, write news articles in the local newspapers regarding reporting crimes to the "Crime Stoppers Hotline" and knowing that if they report a crime they will not be arrested or deported.

How can you help fight gangs? Anyone can call this number to report any information to the police.

**Crime Stoppers Hotline: 919-834-HELP (4357) English and Spanish**

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### **3. Wake County Human Services Health Assessment Update from Petra Hager of the Division of Administration and Office of Community Affairs.**

Community Health Opinion Survey Results

281 surveys were collected.

### **Announcements**

Petra – Focus group involving Latinos for the community assessment will be tomorrow. Also, if you know anyone who would like to attend a training regarding “Taking Control of your Chronic Disease” then please contact Petra. The training will be in Charlotte and in Spanish. After attending the workshop the participants must provide 2 workshops of 6 classes in a year. The cost is about \$200.

Carla – Influenza B is on the rise and it is not too late to get your flu shot. It is recommended that everyone receives a flu shot at least once a year.

Reminder: Announcements should be limited to several minutes per person. If longer discussion is needed, please let **Aracelys know so that she can add it to the agenda.**

**The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 13, 2013 from 6-8 pm.**

**Thank You!**