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### *Law Enforcement Training Focuses on Violent Criminal Gangs throughout North Carolina*



Gangs are impacting North Carolina at every level; schools, hospitals parks shopping malls, neighborhoods, mental health, social services and the criminal justice system. North Carolina has hundreds of gangs and thousands of gang members that commit violent crime and associated criminal activity on behalf of their gang.

The North Carolina Gang Investigators Association will be hosting the 2013 Gangs Across the Carolinas training conference in Greensboro, North Carolina. This annual event is expected to have approximately 600 local, state and federal law enforcement officials assembled from every discipline participating in this year's event. This annual event continues to be a major component in a joint effort to combat gang related violent crime throughout North Carolina. The Gangs Across the Carolinas training conference has grown to be one of the largest Law Enforcement events in the Southeastern United States. Along with training, information and intelligence sharing has proven to be an effective tool in the efforts to recognize and interdict violent gang activity at every level.

**WHAT:** Media Accessibility to Agency Representatives  
**WHAT:** Opening Remarks by Agency Representatives  
**WHEN:** 8:45 a.m., Tuesday, August 13, 2012  
**WHERE:** Koury Hotel & Convention Center  
3121 High Point Road, Greensboro, NC  
**WHO:** The below listed agencies and associations have co-sponsored this year's event and may have representatives available to give media interviews immediately following opening remarks in the Piedmont Room.

- North Carolina Gang Investigator's Association
- Gang Free NC
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)
- NC Department of Public Safety
- United States Attorney's Office
- North Carolina Justice Academy

Media is requested to check in at the registration table for credentialing, media pass and information.

For additional information, please contact **Mark Bridgeman**, President, North Carolina Gang Investigators Association at 910.322.1530 or via e-mail [president@ncgangcops.org](mailto:president@ncgangcops.org) .



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## **North Carolina Gang Investigators Association Awards Ceremony**

The Media is invited to attend North Carolina Gang Investigators Association's Awards Ceremony in recognizing individuals, units and agencies that have gone above and beyond in the ongoing campaign to rid gangs from North Carolina communities. Those that will be receiving Awards have made a difference in North Carolina and the following will be awarded;

- **Jeremiah Goodson Award**
- **North Carolina Gang Investigator of the Year**
- **North Carolina Civilian of the Year**
- **North Carolina Security Threat Group Officer of the Year (NC DOC)**
- **North Carolina Gang Unit of the Year**
- **Special Achievement Awards in North Carolina**

The NCGIA Awards Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 Sheraton's Koury Hotel & Convention Center beginning at 5:45 pm in the Guilford Ball Room..

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