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National Drug Intelligence Center to support newly opened National Gang Intelligence Center facility

Today the National Drug Intelligence Center (NDIC) announced that it will provide analytic support regarding drug-related gang activity to the recently opened National Gang Intelligence Center of the Department of Justice (DOJ), located in Arlington, Virginia. The National Gang Intelligence Center will serve as a central location for interagency cooperation and collaboration to attack the problems caused by gangs and gang-related violence. NDIC's efforts in assisting the gang center include information collection, strategic analysis, and the production of joint national strategic intelligence products. DOJ's goal for the gang center is to achieve maximum impact at the national level against the most violent gangs in this country.

During the opening ceremony of the National Gang Intelligence Center facility on November 28, 2007, Attorney General Michael B. Mukasey stated, "The threat of violent crime in general, and gangs specifically, is near the top of any list of concerns of parents and police chiefs alike" and "Whether they are national, transnational, or regional, these gangs often share common characteristics, and the intelligence we gather on them can prove invaluable to our efforts to stop them."

In announcing her decision to support the National Gang Intelligence Center, NDIC Acting Director Irene Hernandez said, "Street gangs, outlaw motorcycle gangs, and prison gangs are the primary distributors of illegal drugs on the streets of the United States. NDIC's intelligence has provided overwhelming evidence that gangs use proceeds from illegal drug trafficking to fund their activities, including violent criminal acts."

NDIC will assist the National Gang Intelligence Center in providing strategic gang intelligence involving drug activity, which will aid law enforcement organizations in dedicating resources to attack the problems caused by gangs and gang-related violence nationally. NDIC's efforts will also assist the National Gang Targeting, Enforcement and Coordination Center. NDIC has dedicated a cell of senior Intelligence Analysts at its Pennsylvania headquarters facility in addition to assigning a Supervisory Liaison Intelligence Analyst in Washington, D.C., to support the National Gang Intelligence Center.

Other participating agencies at the National Gang Intelligence Center include the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI); the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF); the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA); the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS); the Bureau of Prisons (BOP), and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

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