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 DATE ACTION REQUIRED 09/07/2016

Agenda Item No F-6
 CITY COUNCIL ACTION (x)
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**IMPERIAL CITY COUNCIL
 AGENDA ITEM**

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION: IMPERIAL COUNTY GANG INTELLIGENCE COALITION (ICGIC) CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP.							
1. APPROVE SPONSORSHIP OF THE 2016 ICGIC CONFERENCE.							
DEPARTMENT INVOLVED: Police Dept.							
BACKGROUND/SUMMARY: The Imperial County Gang Intelligence Coalition (ICGIC) serves as an intelligence sharing group on current threats and/or incidents presented by and/or involving prison gangs, street gangs, Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs and Transnational Criminal Organizations operating inside and traversing the Imperial Valley. The information shared will support in monitoring and collaborating for action against identified and suspected gang members. The intelligence sharing will assist ICGIC members in developing and/or identifying intelligence gaps, anomalies, statistics, trends and patterns in an effort to combat any illicit gang activity within Imperial County. ICGIC will be hosting its 2 nd Annual Gang Conference for law enforcement officers. ICGIC is requesting a sponsorship from the City of Imperial to help with cost of instructors, facility rental, study material and other items needed for training.							
FISCAL IMPACT: To be determined by Council.							
STAFF RECOMMENDATION: It is staff's recommendation that the City Council approve this sponsorship in an amount to be determined.							
MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:	MANAGER'S INITIAL <u>JG</u>						
MOTION:							
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Imperial County Gang Intelligence Coalition

2417 La Brucherie Road Suite C, Imperial, CA 92251

August 23, 2016

To whom it may concern,

We, the Imperial County Gang Intelligence Coalition (ICGIC), are seeking potential sponsors to help in supporting the men and women throughout the Imperial County who serve and protect us in the communities. These men and women serve and protect our cities, oftentimes at the expense of their own lives.

ICGIC, a non-profit organization, was established in 2013 by a group of federal, state, and local law enforcement professionals, who recognized the significance of creating a coalition directed at the eradication of criminal street gang activity within and around Imperial County, California.

As we prepare for the *2nd Annual Gangs and Transnational Crime Conference*, we are asking for sponsorships from local businesses, individuals, and organizations such as yours. Please consider a sponsorship donation of your choice. In return, your name will be placed on materials and banners that publicize our event. You will also be verbally recognized throughout the three day conference.

Our conference will host law enforcement officials and dignitaries from diverse backgrounds; to bring awareness in their area of expertise. Speakers will deliver the most current information on criminal trends, prevention, and safety concepts; as they relate to our unique border cities.

Attendance for the *2nd Annual Gangs and Transnational Crime Conference* is projected to exceed three hundred attendees of various law enforcement professions.

Our conference last year was success and with your support we can make this year's conference even greater. We look forward to your donation in support of this annual conference hosted by the ICGIC.

Sponsorship checks can be made payable to: ICGIC

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L Barra", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

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barra@cityofimperial.org

Frank Cordova

Secretary

(760) 540-0630

Frank.F.Cordova@cbp.dhs.gov

The Imperial County Gang Intelligence Coalition is committed to providing gang awareness to law enforcement, schools, the community and civic groups.

IMPERIAL COUNTY GANG INTELLIGENCE COALITION



ICGIC



Mission Statement

The Imperial County Gang Intelligence Coalition (ICGIC) serves as an intelligence sharing group on current threats and/or incidents presented by and/or involving prison gangs, street gangs, Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs (OMG) and Transnational Criminal Organizations (TCO) operating inside and traversing the Imperial Valley. The information shared will support in monitoring and collaborating for action against identified and suspected gang members. Furthermore, this intelligence sharing will assist ICGIC members in developing and/or identifying intelligence gaps, anomalies, statistics, trends and patterns in an effort to combat any illicit gang activity within Imperial County.

*“Coming together is a beginning.
Keeping together is progress.
Working together is success.”
- Henry Ford*

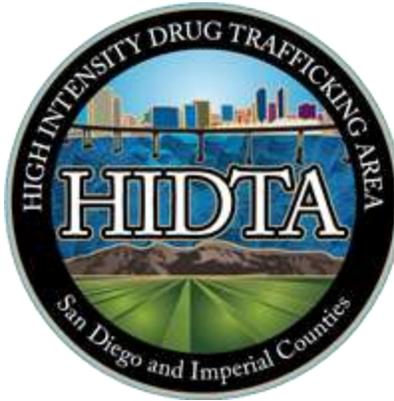
Our Partners

Federal, State, and Local Law Enforcement Agencies

Imperial Valley Law Enforcement Coordination Center (IVLECC)

High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)

Mother Against Gangs (MAG)



The Board



**Chairman Administrative Sergeant Leonard Barra
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Special Agent Gerardo Guerrero
Detective Damian Martinez
Probation Officer (Retired) Frank Martinez
Special Agent Hans Groth
Agent Francisco Cordova
Detective Luis Hernandez
Agent Victor Paniagua
Federal Probation Obed Flores**

The Beginning

The Imperial County Gang Intelligence Coalition, a non-profit organization, was established in 2013 by a group of law enforcement professionals who recognized the significance of having a gang based information sharing partnership directed at the eradication of criminal street gangs within and around our communities.

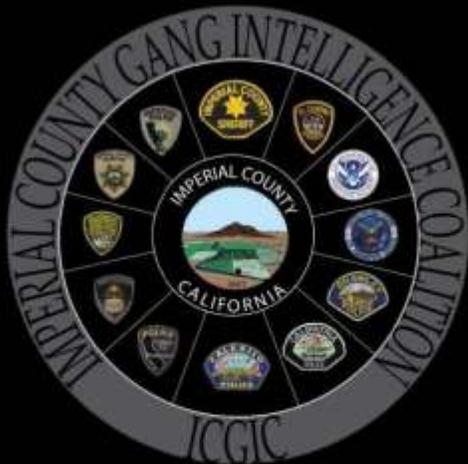
Purpose

1. To develop a street gang intelligence sharing network within law enforcement.
2. To bring gang training to local law enforcement at no cost.
3. To establish an annual transnational gang conference in the Imperial County.
4. To develop a school outreach program: gang prevention presentations directed towards students.
5. To develop a community outreach program with citizens in the community.

What we share

- Gang intelligence briefs and activity throughout the Imperial County
- Monthly Gang Intelligence Bulletin
- Photos of graffiti (for identification)
- Photos of suspects (for identification)
- Information on newly identified gangs or criminal organizations
- Information on current gang members and associates
- Flyers and BOLO's for wanted subjects and RFI's (request for information)
- Officer safety information
- Trainings (gang prosecution, gang operations and intel gathering)
- Sharing of best-practices for local strategy to combat gangs.

Information Sharing Meetings



IMPERIAL COUNTY GANG INTELLIGENCE COALITION

Monthly Meeting

WHEN
NOVEMBER 20, 2014
10am-12pm

WHERE
IVLECC
MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM
2417 LA BRUCHERIE ROAD STE. C
IMPERIAL, CA 92251

**ALL LAW
ENFORCEMENT
WELCOME**

**NO REGISTRATION
REQUIRED**

JOIN US

**Gang Information Sharing · Networking ·
Current Gang Trends · Up Coming Events ·
Trainings**

Contact email: frank.cordova@ivlecc.hidta.org

Training & Awareness for Law Enforcement



Imperial Valley Law Enforcement Coordination Center & Imperial County Gang Intelligence Coalition



Policing in the 21st Century... How to be Effective

Course Date: June 15th, 2016 (08:30 -17:00)

Course Description: This course will examine critical issues stemming from the various controversial police incidents that have recently occurred across the country. The class will discuss the public reaction, media-made perceptions and response from law enforcement leaders to community backlash, all which affect how you do your job. Other critical topic covered in this course is an in depth approach designed to make you safer and more effective in your dealings with gang members and gang problem in the midst of the anti-police environment.

Presenter: Tony "Pacman" Moreno retired 32 year veteran with the LAPD. During that time, he was assigned to work various confidential and sensitive assignments such as organized crime and intelligence, narcotics, homicide and gang and surveillance. He is the authored of three books, "Lessons from A Gang Cop" Spinach For the Everyday Warrior" and "Cops in America... Dealing with the Ferguson Effects"

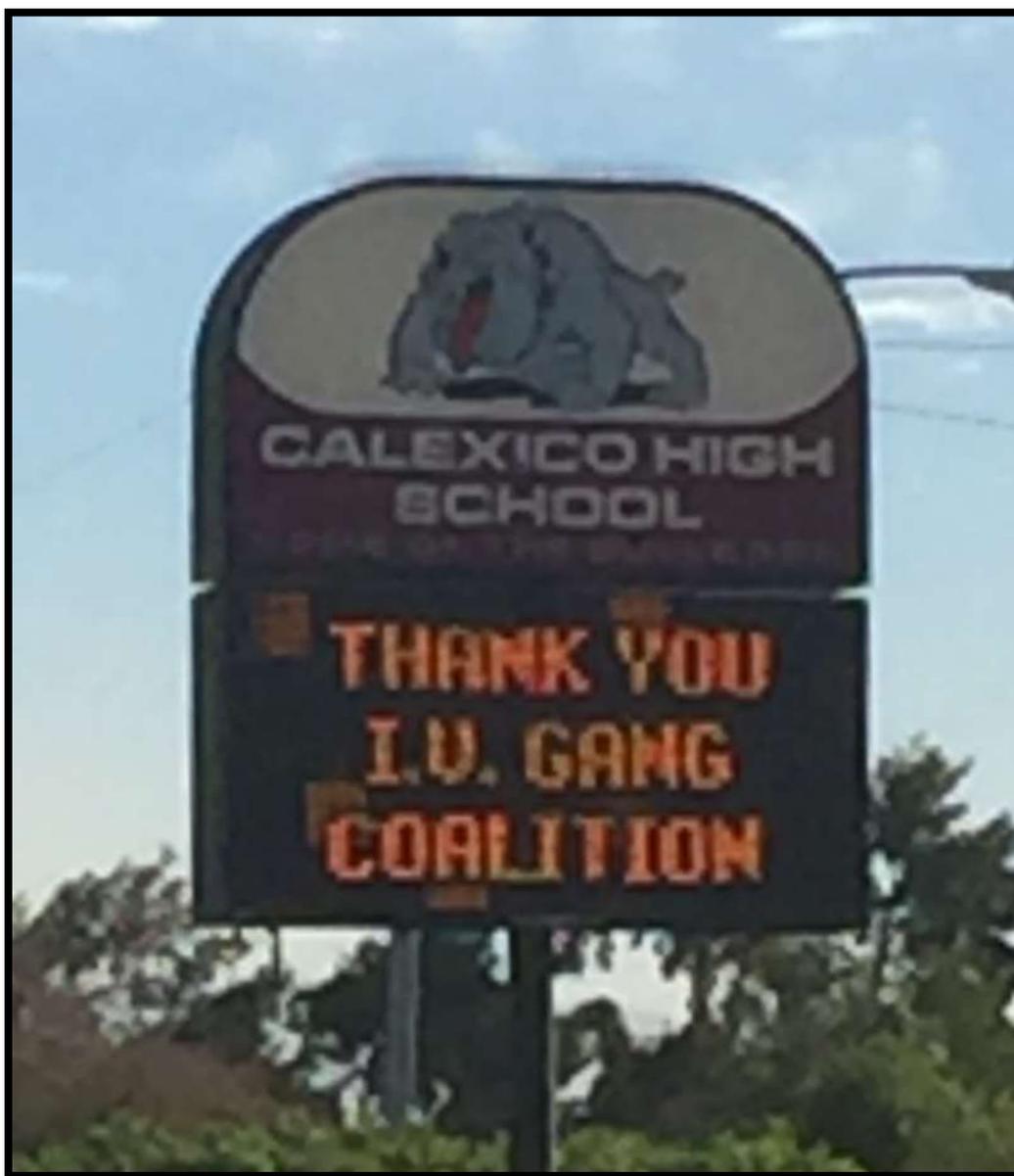
Registration: Register online at www.ivlecc.org and click on the training calendar on the right side of the home page, select the class and follow the "Apply for Registration" directions.

Cost: There is **no cost** to officer/ agent / investigator

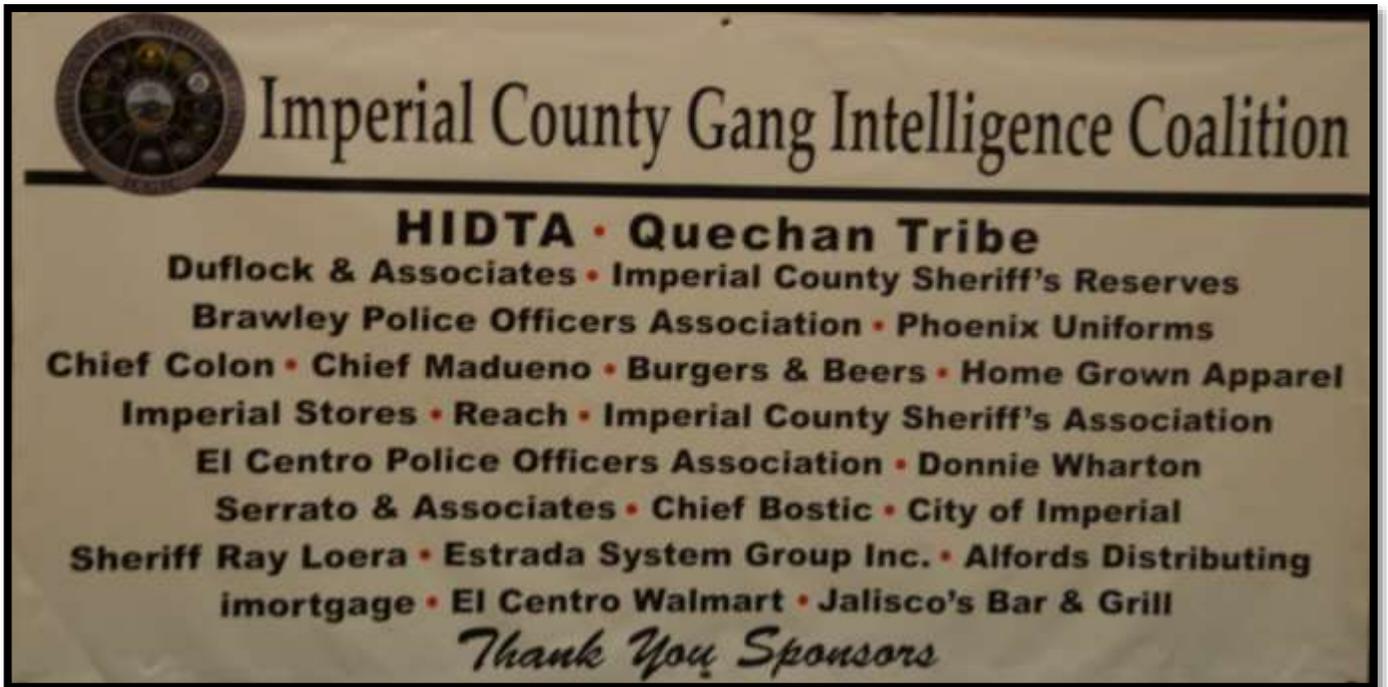
Location: IVDC LECC Training Room
2417 La Brucherie Road
Imperial, Ca. 92251

Questions: David Benavidez @ david.benavidez@ivlecc.hidta.org or 760-337-3730

School Presentations



1st Annual Gang & Transnational Crime Conference Sponsors



The Quechan Tribe



High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Program

The High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) program, created by Congress with the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, provides assistance to Federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies operating in areas determined to be critical drug-trafficking regions of the United States.

Law Enforcement Coordination Center (LECC)

The SD-LECC's mission is to protect the people and infrastructure of San Diego and Imperial Counties from criminal activity, terrorism, and potential hazards by effective information sharing and timely/relevant analysis and dissemination of intelligence to local state, tribal and federal partners.



Mothers & Fathers Against Gangs (MAG)



1st Annual Gang & Transnational Crime Conference



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Imperial County Gang Intelligence Coalition

GANG & TRANSNATIONAL CRIME CONFERENCE

October 27-29, 2015 · Imperial County

Presentations by: The Imperial County District Attorney's Office · The Imperial County Sheriff's Office · The United States Attorney's Office (Southern District of California) · DOJ · CDCR · USBP · HSI · ATF · CBP · WSIN · The Corrections Intelligence Task Force : A joint partnership between the FBI, CDCR, and the BOP

STC Certification Pending

LAW ENFORCEMENT ONLY: Sworn federal, state, local or tribal law enforcement officers, correctional officers, intelligence analysts, prosecutors, and investigators for prosecutors, currently employed by an agency or department. ICGIC requires all attendees to provide law enforcement ID prior to being admitted into the conference. ICGIC has the right to deny entry to anyone.

DATE & TIME

October 27-29, 2015
Registration 0700 - 0900 HRS
Conference 0900 - 1700 HRS

***Times are on Mountain Standard Time**

HOTEL & CONFERENCE LOCATION

525 Algodones Rd,
Winterhaven, CA 92283



Booking Reservations:

(760) 572-3900

ICGIC Conference Rate: \$83.00 per night
(Free RV/Toy Hauler Parking on Site)
Promotional code: ICGIC Conference

Continental Breakfast will be provided

Daily Raffles!

Thank you to our principal sponsors:



Contact: Administrative Sergeant Leonard J. Barra at barra@cityofimperial.org
Corrections Corporal Francisco Reyes at Freyes@icso.org

REGISTRATION & COST

\$60.00 - Early Registration by Oct. 1st.
\$80.00 - Registration after Oct. 1st.

Walk-in Registration: Oct. 27 (0700-0900 MST)

Register at www.ivlecc.org

Mail application and payment to:

(Make check or money order payable to: ICGIC)
ICGIC 2417 La Brucherie Road Suite C,
Imperial, CA 92251

(Major credit cards accepted **PayPal**)

*After your completed registration forms are submitted and processed you will receive a confirmation email and the 3 day conference itinerary.

Early Check-In Registration:

Monday, October 26, 2015 from 1200 - 1700 (MST).

HOSTED RECEPTION AND NETWORKING



Evening Day 1:



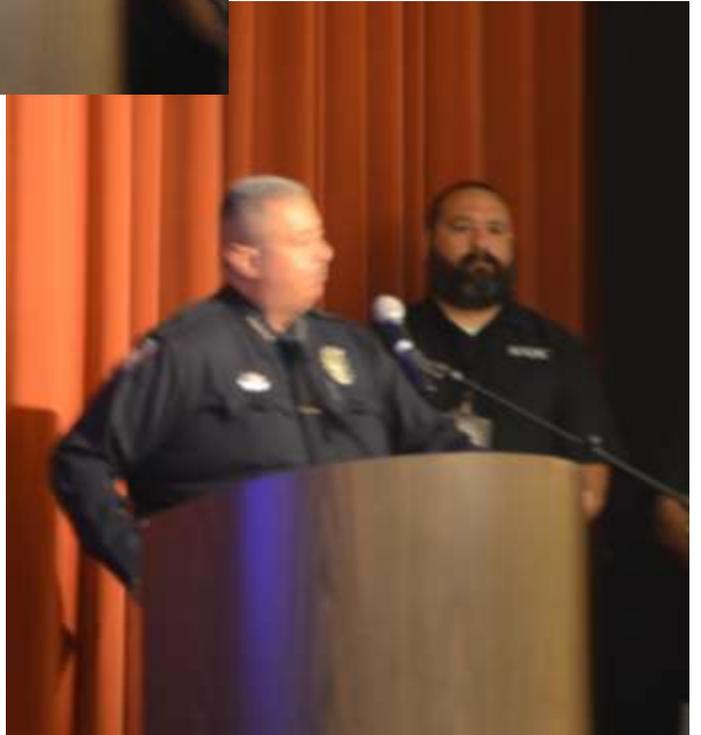
Evening Day 2:

Opening Ceremony by the CBP Color Guard





Opening Remarks from Management



Master of Ceremony



Alfonso (Ponchi) Herrera















Banquet & Awards













Social Networking



Fundraisers

Raffles

T-shirt sale

City of Imperial Cook Off







ICGIC T-Shirt Fundraiser

\$15
each

Show your support by purchasing one of our exclusive tee's featured below.



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BACK

Sizes: M-3XL

Contact Sgt. Leonard Barra at barra@cityofimperial.org.
In the Indio area contact Frank Cordova at Frank.E.Cordova@CBP.DHS.GOV.

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4th of July Party on Wheels

Win an ice chest loaded with the makings of a party !

Includes:

Gentleman Jack
Jack Daniels
Tito's Vodka
Patron
Flavored Vodkas
Fire Ball
And More...

Bottles of Red and White Wine
Coors Light
Bud Light
Craft Beers

Plus Mix Ins:
Margarita Mix
Bloody Mary Mix
Cranberry Juice
Coke
Sprite

And Snacks Too:
Crackers
Pretzels
Salami
Party Mix
Chips

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Fundraiser: \$5 per ticket, Drawing to be held on Friday, July 1, 2016
Must be 21 to Win. Winner need not be present.

News Articles

Coalition targeting Valley gang issues

By CHELCEY ADAMI Staff Writer | Posted: Wednesday, July 16, 2014 12:30 am

The Imperial County Gang Intelligence Coalition is not only drawing together gang intelligence from the local, state and federal law enforcement agencies in the Valley, but it is also reaching out to the community to prevent the issue from growing, coalition members told the El Centro City Council on Tuesday.

The first self-sustaining, all-volunteer gang coalition in the Valley formed last August with a handful of members and has now expanded to more than 60 members. They meet monthly and discuss gang-related issues and incident in the Valley, often finding that an issue being experienced in one community is tied to other communities, said coalition co-chairman and Imperial police Sgt. Leonard Barra.

Coalition co-chairman and U.S. Probation Officer Obed Flores further explained that the coalition is starting to reach out to school districts to educate not only the students but also teachers and school administrations in hopes of curbing the issue.

“We have noticed there is a gang issue in every community in the county,” he said. “We’re all doing (the coalition) because we like it and feel that it is needed.”

The coalition is also coordinating a gang intelligence conference that it hopes to host next year with the support of the California Gang Association and plans to reach out to law enforcement agencies in surrounding counties and in Mexicali as well.

Members reported that Valley agencies have been very supportive of the effort so far.

By coordinating information, chances of solving gang-related crimes not only rise but the outreach can help deter people from potentially becoming involved.

Coalition member and El Centro Police Detective Luis Hernandez said gangs are a “growing issue” in the area.

“There is a very active gang here in El Centro that’s very violent,” he said. “Our goal is obviously prevention and to influence the kids that are growing up here and not having the gangs influencing them.”

Presentations about the coalition are being made to all Valley city councils. The coalition is only asking for support in sending city law enforcement representatives to attend the roughly two-hour monthly meetings. El Centro City Council members commended the efforts of the coalition on Tuesday evening.

“It seems like this is way past due so I’m glad to see that this coalition has come together and is helping to document this,” Councilman Jason Jackson said.

Staff Writer Chelcey Adami can be reached at 760-337-3452 or cadami@ivpressonline.com

Imperial Chamber of Commerce hosts appreciation lunch for teachers

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| Posted: Wednesday, August 20, 2014 12:20 am



Sgt. Leonard Barra, Imperial Police Department, talks about gangs during the fourth annual Teacher’s Luncheon on Tuesday at Veterans’ Memorial Hall in Imperial. At left, is Federal Probation Officer Obed Flores. JOSELITO VILLERO PHOTO Tuesday, August 19, 2014

Imperial County Gang Intelligence Coalition connecting resources

By CHELCEY ADAMI Staff Writer | Posted: Wednesday, March 18, 2015 12:40 am

IMPERIAL — As the web of Imperial Valley gang activity connects across the county through violence, narcotics and more, the Imperial County Gang Intelligence Coalition is connecting its law enforcement response as well.

“If you have something happening in Calexico, it affects all the other cities, all the way up to Bombay Beach,” said Coalition Chairman Leonard Barra. “We share information to connect the dots and help enforcement.”

Federal, state and Valley law enforcement have been meeting monthly for about a year to share intelligence on current threats or incidents involving prison gangs, street gangs, motorcycle gangs and transnational criminal organizations working within the Imperial Valley.

“In the last year we have a better understanding of how one incident in one jurisdiction affects four or five other jurisdictions in the county. From the border all the way north and also from county jail to state prisons. Everything that happens with gangs is intertwined,” Barra added.

The coalition will be hosting its inaugural Annual Gang Intelligence Conference in October and will be requesting \$3,000 in sponsorship from the city of Imperial during tonight’s City Council meeting.

The conference will focus on gang issues, review new investigation techniques and more while the funds will help with cost of instructors, facility rental, study material and other training items.

The coalition hopes to raise \$40,000 total and will ask for support from other cities in the Valley. The city of Imperial is the first municipality the coalition has approached.

“There are gang problems here in the Valley,” Barra said. “It’s not as big as other counties but that’s the point of the gang coalition, to keep it like that.”

On Jan. 6, 2013, 17-year-old Martin Alberto Garza was fatally stabbed in El Centro, and Martin Andrade, an alleged member of an El Centro street gang, was later charged with first-degree murder in connection to the death.

Garza was not suspected of any gang activity, and the death of the popular and well-known teen shocked the community.

His mother, Yulil Alonso-Garza, has since created the Mothers and Men Against Gangs Coalition to help raise awareness of the issue in the Valley, and the organization will be participating in the conference.

“She’s an inspiration for us. Her story about her family actually motivates us to do more,” Barra said. “She’s great and motivates us to do 120 percent.”

Alonso-Garza said the work by the intelligence coalition is very positive and critically important for the community. The Mothers and Men Against Gangs Coalition has also been reaching out to school districts and to others in the community to spread awareness while sharing ways to prevent children from being involved. It’s hosting a five-kilometer event and gang awareness fair March 28 at Imperial Valley College.

“We do have a problem, although it is not as visible as other cities and other counties, but there is obviously a problem,” Alonso-Garza said. “If my son was murdered by a gang member without having any connection with a gang, then we obviously have to take a closer look at what we can do to prevent another young man from dying.”

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Goals

Teachers Gang Awareness Conference.

Bring more trainings to local law enforcement.

Bring more community awareness, training, and information for parents, teachers, children, and youth.

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For Your Support!*

