

Governor Perry Allocates Funds to Help Fight Gangs

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Texas Gov. Rick Perry has allocated nearly \$560,000 to help the **San Antonio Police Department** target trans-national gang activity.

The funding will come from the federal Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program and will be distributed by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division.

Perry will allocate a total of \$4 million in Criminal Justice Division grant money to Arlington, Austin, Brownsville, Corpus Christi, Dallas, El Paso, Fort Worth, Garland, Houston, Irving, Laredo, McAllen and San Antonio. The funds will be used as overtime pay for officers who patrol hot spots of gang activity.

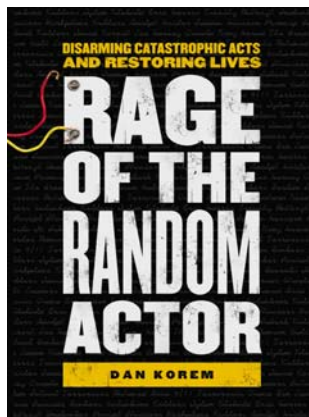
As part of his anti-gang strategy, Perry says he plans to ask the 2009 Texas Legislature for \$110 million in sustained border security funding and another \$24 million to combat transnational gang activity across the state.

Among the trans-national gangs that have attracted the attention of local and state officials are the Mexican Mafia, Texas Syndicate, Barrio Azteca and MS-13. Perry says those gangs operate in every region of the state and are involved in extortion, retail drug distribution, vehicle theft, child prostitution, money laundering and drive-by shootings.

State officials say these gangs recruit members from Texas high schools and prisons and have become highly adaptive, using increased technology to thwart law enforcement efforts.

School Safety Audit Report

The District Audit Report (DAR) was a success! The response rate for the first-ever reporting cycle was 100 percent. The Texas School Safety Center expresses its thanks to each district and personnel who submitted the report. Without your support and assistance, this level of success would not have been possible.



Dan Korem Returns to ESC-20

December 2 – 3, 2008

In the mid 1980s, Dan Korem uncovered the Missing Protector Strategy (MPS) while doing research for his book, *Suburban Gangs*. He first applied the MPS with stunning results in a high-crime, inner-city type of neighborhood in Dallas, Texas. Of 400 youth, no one joined a gang, and not one teenage girl became pregnant. Twenty years later, communities across North America, from the inner-city type to suburbs to small towns, have launched the MPS and found that it not only stops gang recruitment, but stops almost all at-risk behavior including: **assaults, suicide, truancy, mass slayings, teen pregnancy, chronic drug use and poor classroom performance**. Monitoring and reducing such at-risk behavior has the potential to minimize the need for school emergencies. The analysis of such threat assessments mentioned of students are indicative in this 2 day training session.

This session is a **Train the Trainer** and will be conducted by Dan Korem, Korem and Associates. All participants will receive instructor manuals, handouts and training modules along including power points, training videos, and booklets.

Missing Protector Strategy (Train the Trainer) - 2 Days

December 2-3, 2008 8:30 a.m. –4:00 p.m.; ESC-20

Workshop# CA81202-K11

Fee: \$300; REMS Consortium and SDFSC Coop: No Cost

First Appearance at ESC-20 - Hot topic Nationwide!!

A.L.I.C.E.

What is A.L.I.C.E.? **Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate.** The purpose of this 3-day program is to certify local representatives as instructors of a researched-based, proactive approach in responding to school violence. The goal is to have staff, employees, and students taught creative, effective, and easy strategies which will enhance their ability to escape a shooter event, and if escape is not possible, how to make themselves hard targets. The A.L.I.C.E. program is designed to enhance current "Lockdown" procedures used frequently in our educational institutions. Tragic events have dictated the need of enhanced training be provided to staff and students to increase their chances of surviving a surprise attack.

***24 hrs. TCLEOSE certification available for Law Enforcement officers.**

Presented by:

Greg Crane and Allen Hill of *Response Options*

November 18-20, 2008 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; ESC-20

Workshop# CA81118-K11

Fee: \$450; REMS Consortium and SDFSC Coop: No Cost

Teen Leadership Summit

“Time to Stand out in the Crowd”

December 4th marks our first annual event for youth!!

Aric Bostick, keynote speaker, will set the tone for this remarkable event. Aric is a former speech teacher and graduate of Texas State University and is nicknamed “Mr. Enthusiasm” because of his ability to FIRE UP and INSPIRE any audience. Aric is dedicated to one thing...helping students find the passion within, so that they can start living their dream today, not tomorrow!

Breakout sessions for this event include:

No Kidding Straight Talk

Drug and Alcohol Awareness for Teens

Internet Safety and Cyber Bullying

Teen Dating Violence

Lunch will be served....we begin at 9:00 am...done by 3:00 pm

Fee is \$10 per attendee

For Freshmen and Sophomores only!

Space is limited...first call/e-mail, first served basis!

**SDFSC Coop members are limited to
10% enrollment of freshmen and sophomores.**

To reserve your space, please contact...

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NATIONAL NEWS!

Was padlock on shoestring a concealed weapon?

Wisconsin prosecutors charged a student with carrying a concealed weapon after a police officer searched her locker and found a silver padlock attached to a shoestring in the student's sealed coat pocket. The officer had the student's consent to search her locker, which was secured by a combination padlock. The state charged the pupil with violating a statute in which any person "who goes armed with a concealed and dangerous weapon is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor."

The student conceded the padlock device was dangerous and she knew it was in her locker. A trial court convicted her and she appealed. On appeal, her sole argument was that the conviction must be reversed because prosecutors failed to establish that she was armed with the item at school.

Should the student be convicted for a weapons violation for having the device in her locker?

NO. The student did not have immediate access to the item in her locker.

The Wisconsin Court of Appeals reversed the student's conviction, reasoning that she did not "go armed" at school with the weapon in *Re: Caprice S.I. No. 2007AP2440, 108 LRP 42759 (Wis. Ct. App. 04/02/08)*, unpublished.

The padlock and shoe string device stored in the locker was not readily accessible to the student in a moment of anger or fear, the court said. The only way the student could obtain the items was to use her combination, open the locker and reach into her coat pocket.

Under Wisconsin law, an individual is guilty of carrying a concealed, dangerous weapon if:

1. She was aware of the presence of the weapon.
2. The weapon was concealed.
3. She went armed with a dangerous weapon.

"Went armed" means the weapon was either on the person or within her reach. The court rejected the state's argument that the student must have carried the weapon at some point in the day to get it into her locker. In a school filled with locks and shoelaces, it was not reasonable to assume the student carried the lock already tied to the shoestring into school before putting it into her locker.

This article is not intended as instructional material or to replace legal advice.

NEARLY ONE-HALF OF YOUTHS WHO HAVE EVER MISUSED PRESCRIPTION PAIN RELIEVERS HAVE ALSO USED TWO OR MORE ILLICIT* DRUGS

Approximately one-tenth of U.S. youths ages 12 to 17 reported using non-prescribed pain relievers at least once in their lifetime, according to an analysis of data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health.

These youths were significantly more likely than those who did not use non-prescribed pain relievers to also report poly-drug use. For example, 49% of youths who used non-prescribed pain relievers also reported using two or more illicit drugs at least once in their lifetime, compared to 4% of youths who did

not use non-prescribed pain relievers. Previous research has found a similar relationship between non medical use of prescription stimulants and use of other illicit drugs. For further information visit: www.cesar.umd.edu

*Illicit drugs: marijuana, inhalants, hallucinogens, tranquilizers (non-prescribed use), stimulants (non-prescribed use), cocaine/crack, sedatives (non-prescribed use), and heroin.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from Wu, L-T, Pilowsky, D.J., and Patkar, A.A. "Non-prescribed use of pain relievers among adolescents in the United States," *Drug and Alcohol Dependence* 94(1-3):1-11, 2008. For more information, contact Li-Tzy Wu at litzylwu@yahoo.com.

JOURNAL FOR ADOLESCENT HEALTH SHOWS THAT CYBER- BULLYING HAS FAR REACHING EFFECTS

Bullying--It's not just at school anymore. Bullying has been a school problem for decades, and some schools do better than others at handling it, but no one doubts any longer that bullying has serious psychological effects on both the victims and the perpetrators. Now, however, bullying has taken on a new dimension--it's not limited to the school yard and is increasingly being conducted in electronic media--instant messaging, chat rooms, e-mail, text messaging, and the Internet--and schools will feel the impact of that form of bullying, as well, according to a series of articles in a recent issue of the Journal of Adolescent Health. A journal supplement funded by the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that:

-- In the year 2000, 6 percent of internet users 10-17 years old said they had been subjected to online harassment, but by 2005, the percentage had grown to 9 percent

--Adolescents who were harassed online were more likely to get detention, suspended or skip school, and to experience emotional distress

--64 percent of youth who are harassed online are not harassed or bullied at school. So far as school mental health services are concerned, it may not make much difference whether students are being bullied electronically or in person, the researchers concluded: many of the same behavioral and psychological consequences may follow either form of harassment, including feeling unsafe at school and possibly carrying weapons.

An important minority of youth who are harassed online report not personally knowing the harasser. "This may be an important aspect of power in the online experience: by withholding one's identity, the aggressor potentially has the upper hand in online communications." That makes it important, the researchers say, that school professionals understand the specific details of the online bullying and can help the youth identify a prospective plan for dealing with it.

Articles relating to bullying published in the December 2007 Supplement issue of the Journal of Adolescent Health are available in full at: <http://journals.elsevierhealth.com/periodicals/jah/home>.

Upcoming Events and Trainings

Drug and Violence Education (DAVE)

Internet Training

November 13, 2008

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.; ESC-20

Workshop# CA81113-K11

Fee: No Cost

Family Violence & Sexual Assault Part I:

History, Dynamics, & Laws

November 17, 2008

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Workshop #: CF81117-K01

Fee: No Cost

A.L.I.C.E. – Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate

24 hrs. TCLEOSE Certification

November 18, 19 & 20, 2008

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Workshop# CA81112-K11

Fee: \$450; REMS Consortium: No Cost

Missing Protector Strategy

December 2-3, 2008

8:30 a.m. –4:00 p.m.; ESC-20

Workshop# CA81202-K11

Fee: \$300; REMS Consortium: No Cost

Providing Teachers Tools for Safe Classrooms

December 8, 2008

8:30 a.m. –11:30 a.m.; ESC-20

Workshop# CA81208-K11

Fee: \$35; REMS Consortium: No Cost

Providing Safety and Security in Non-Traditional Classrooms

December 8, 2008

1:00 p.m. –4:00 p.m.; ESC-20

Workshop# CA81208-K12

Fee: \$35; REMS Consortium: No Cost

Creating and Maintaining Safe Schools

December 9, 2008

8:30 a.m. –4:00 p.m.; ESC-20

Workshop# CA81209-K11

Fee: \$75; REMS Consortium: No Cost

Peers Making Peace Mediation

Facilitator Training

December 10, 11, & 12, 2008

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; ESC-20

Workshop# CA81210-K11

Fee: No Cost

Providing Teachers Tools for Safe Classrooms

December 10, 2008

8:30 a.m. –11:30 a.m.; ESC-20

Workshop# CA81210-K11

Fee: \$35; REMS Consortium: No Cost

Providing Safety and Security in Non-Traditional Classrooms

December 10, 2008

1:00 p.m. –4:00 p.m.; ESC-20

Workshop# CA81210-K12

Fee: \$35; REMS Consortium: No Cost

Critical Thinking for Law Enforcement

8 hrs. TCLEOSE Certification

December 10, 2008

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Workshop# CA81210-K11

Fee: \$35; SDFSC Coop and REMS Consortium: No Cost

Creating and Maintaining Safe Schools

December 11, 2008

8:30 a.m. –4:00 p.m.; ESC-20

Workshop# CA81211-K11

Fee: \$75; REMS Consortium: No Cost

Law Enforcement Leadership

8 hrs. TCLEOSE Certification

December 11, 2008

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Workshop# CA81211-K11

Fee: \$35; SDFSC Coop and REMS

Consortium: No Cost

SDFSC Co-op:

If your school is located within the following district areas, then eligibility is granted unto the Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Cooperative for the 2008-2009 school year. Specific course offerings are listed at no cost.

Brackett ISD, Crystal City ISD, Devine ISD, DHanis ISD, Dilley ISD, Ft. Sam Houston ISD, Hondo ISD, Ingram ISD, Knippa ISD, Lackland ISD, La Vernia ISD, Lytle ISD, Natalia ISD, Pleasanton ISD, Poth ISD, Randolph Field ISD, Southside ISD, Stockdale ISD, School of Excellence, Guardian Angel Academy, Por Vida Academy, Southwest Preparatory, Gabriel Tafolla, John H. Wood, Jubilee Academy, Positive Solution, George I. Sanchez

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