

School Based, In Service Training, and “Gangs and Youth Violence” Presentations Gang Awareness & Intervention Network

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**Detective Benjamin Wilson has over twenty three years experience in law enforcement. During his career. he has been involved in over 10,000 narcotic and gang related interviews. He has interviewed gang members and suspects ranging from minor infractions to the most severe violations. He has been involved in numerous gang related criminal investigations including homicide, sexual assaults, robberies, initiations, recruiting both on a state and federal level. He has qualified as a narcotics expert and has been involved in cases ranging from municipal to federal court.**

**He is Method Of Instruction certified and a Professional Development Provider. He is trained in gang identification, advanced identification, recruitment tactics, gang prevention, hand signs, and graffiti analysis. He is a specialist in the field of gang related violence and crimes, and the influences of gangs as a popular sub culture. He has attended Lehigh University and NJIT taken courses in psychology, sociology, and behavioral sciences.**

**He is trained in Graffiti Identification, including Tagging, Bombing, Political, Existential, and Gang graffiti. He is a member of**

**numerous gang associations. He consults to numerous levels of the government, including the F.B.I. National Gang Intelligence Center and the United States Secret Service. He has trained security personnel and a wide variety of educators.. He is a frequent speaker at community groups, regional conferences and the New Jersey school system. He is the founder and CEO of the Gang Awareness and Intervention Network, which allows him to interact on a regular basis with current and ex offenders. A recipient of "Jersey City's Finest" Outstanding Service Award, Nominated and elected to serve on the Hudson County Vicinage Committee for 2006, recipient of a Resolution from the City Of Jersey City, achieved the rank of Master Of Gang Awareness as an expert in the Mi-Bo-So power karate system and was the 2009 police recipient of recognition for continued dedication, love and hard work in the community by the Abundant Joy Community Church. He is also volunteer to numerous other churches and community groups: Parents Gang Awareness Symposium / Saturday Community Outreach / New Jersey Youth Consultation Services / NJ after 3 Program / New Jersey City University Gear Up, College bound/ Head Start Program / local PTA groups / Family and Students Together program/ and Girl Scouts .....**

