CITY OF HARLINGEN TEXAS

JUVENILE CRIME, GRAFFITI *and* GANG VIOLENCE TASK FORCE

Please take a moment to fill out the questionnaire. Your opinion would be greatly appreciated. Thank-you for you help!

1. Do you think Harlingen has a gang problem? *Yes* *or* *No*
2. Do you know any gang members? *Yes* *or* *No*
3. Have you been a victim of gang violence? *Yes* *or* *No*
4. Has your neighborhood been impacted by gang violence? *Yes* *or* *No*
5. If Harlingen does have a gang problem, how can we fix it?

   _____

   _____

6. Is graffiti a problem in Harlingen? *Yes* *or* *No*
7. Have you sustained graffiti damage? *Yes* *or* *No*
8. Is there a particular section of Harlingen that has a bigger crime problem?

   _____

9. Rank the following options in order of priority that the City should focus its efforts on, with 1 being the most important and 4 being the least important.
   _____More police officers/Neighborhood Police Officers
   _____More after school programs/In School Programs
   _____Stricter Curfew and Graffiti Implement Laws
   _____Hold parents more accountable
10. Rank in order of severity (1-being the most severe) the crime problem in Harlingen?
   _____Burglaries (Break Ins)
   _____Cruising or Racing
   _____Drug Offenses
   _____Vandalism (Graffiti)
   _____Gang Violence
   _____ Assault (Bullying, Fighting)
11. Please check the age group that best fits you.

   (_____) under 18 (_____) 19 – 39 (_____) 40 – 54 (_____) 55 +

CITY OF HARLINGEN TEXAS

CRIMEN JUVENIL, GRAFITERIDAD
y
FUERZA TACTICA CONTRA LA VIOLENCIA DE PANDILLAS

Porfavor tome un momento para llenar el questionario. Su opinion sera grandemente apreciado. Gracias por su ayuda!

1. Cree usted que Harlingen tiene un problema con pandillas? *Si o No*
2. Conoce usted a un miembro de pandillas? *Si o No*
3. Ha sido usted una victima de la violencia de pandillas? *Si o No*
4. Ha sido su vecindad impactada por la violencia de pandillas? *Si o No*
5. Si Harlingen tiene un problema con las pandillas, como podriamos fijarlo?

_____

6. 6. Es la grafiteridad un problema en Harlingen? *Si o No*
7. 7. Ha sostenido usted dano grafitero? *Si o No*
8. Hay alguna seccion en particular de Harlingen que tiene un crimen mas grande?

_____

9. Situe las siguientes opciones en orden de prioridad en que la ciudad debe enfocar sus esfuerzos, con 1 siendo lo mas importante y 4 siendo menos importante.
   ____Mas policias/Policias del vecindario
   ____Mas programas escolares despues de clases/Programas durante las clases.
   ____La queda mas esctricta y leyes que aplican a la grafiteridad
   ____Mantener a los padres mas responsable{dar una infraccion a los padres despues de que el hijo(a) cometa dos ofensas en vez de tres}
10. Classifique las opciones siguientes por orden de prioridad que la ciudad deberia enforcar sus esfuerzos, con 1 siendo el más importante y 5 siendo el menos importante para resolver el problema de crimen en Harlingen.
   ____Robos(Entrar en las casas para robar)
   ____Vehiculos paseando o carreras de carros
   ____Ofensas de drogas
   ____Vandalismo (Grafitero)
   ____Asaltos (Intimidar, Pelear)
11. Por favor, indique la categoria de edad que mejor lo representa a usted.

(_____) menor de 18 (_____) 19 – 39 (_____) 40 – 54 (_____) 55 +

JU[illegible]E CRIME, GRAFFITI & GANG VIOLENCE TASK FORCE SURVEY

		YES		NO		NO RESPONSE		TOTAL
1	Do you think Harlingen has a gang problem?	406	91.2%	23	5.2%	16	3.6%	445
2	Do you know any gang members?	120	27.0%	317	71.2%	8	1.8%	445
3	Have you been a victim of gang violence?	56	12.6%	382	85.8%	7	1.6%	445
4	Has your neighborhood been impacted by gang violence	192	43.1%	235	52.8%	18	4.1%	445
5	If Harlingen does have a gang problem, how can we fix it?							
6	Is graffiti a problem in Harlingen?	383	86.1%	40	9.0%	22	4.9%	445
7	Have you sustained graffiti damage?	115	25.8%	314	70.6%	16	3.6%	445
8	Is there a particular section of Harlingen that has a bigger crime problem?							
9	Rank the following options in order of priority that the City should focus its efforts on, with 1 being the most important and 4 being the least important	1		2		3		4
	More police officers/Neighborhood Police Officers	106	34.8%	58	19.0%	81	26.6%	60	19.7%
	More after school programs/In School Programs	34	11.2%	59	19.3%	84	27.5%	128	42.0%
	Stricter Curfew and Graffiti Implement Laws	62	20.3%	108	35.4%	80	26.2%	55	18.0%
	Hold parents more accountable	103	33.8%	80	26.2%	60	19.7%	62	20.3%
	TOTAL	305		305		305		305	

10	Rank in order of severity (1-being the most severe) the crime problem in Harlingen?	1		2		3		4		5		6	
	Burglaries (Break Ins)	66	23.9%	51	18.5%	51	18.5%	45	16.3%	41	14.9%	22	8.0%
	Crusing or Racing	19	6.9%	17	6.2%	23	8.3%	34	12.3%	33	12.0%	150	54.3%
	Drug Offenses	61	22.1%	52	18.8%	52	18.8%	55	19.9%	40	14.5%	16	5.8%
	Vandalism (Graffiti)	37	13.4%	37	13.4%	46	16.7%	50	18.1%	74	26.8%	32	11.6%
	Gang Violence	68	24.6%	73	26.5%	56	20.3%	42	15.2%	27	9.8%	10	3.6%
	Assault (Bullying, Fighting)	25	9.1%	46	16.7%	48	17.4%	50	18.1%	61	22.1%	46	16.7%
	TOTAL	276		276		276		276		276		276	

11	Age Group of Respondents		
	Under 18 years of age	28	6.3%
	19-39 years of age	176	39.6%
	40-54 years of age	136	30.6%
	55+ years of age	92	20.7%
	No response	13	2.9%
	Total	445	

5. **If Harlingen does have a gang problem, how can we fix it? (63 responses)**

- Lock them all up
- Put them in jail
- More officers patrolling
- Yes find them and talk to them
- Put cameras under the bridges to stop graffiti
- By more police patrolling
- Curfew
- Implement
- Curfew
- More police force
- It been done by the new police station they are building
- Working a plan and achieving it as a community
- Educating parents and more after school activities
- Need to set curfew for teens hold parents accountable
- Put them in jail
- Yes enforcing or implementing a curfew
- By imposing stricter policies or punishment
- By taking action at schools
- Need to put them away. In a school or system to teach them right from wrong.
- More family oriented events like today's. Thank you.
- What difference would it make, cause I haven't seen much
- More law enforcement on patrol
- More police to go by the different areas in town
- Having more activities for teens, more community involvement, more cops
- More community involvement
- Strict curfews and laws
- By gathering all gang members and letting them know the consequences
- More police officers
- Serious punishment
- Patrol neighborhood often
- More patrolling
- Patrol more often. My neighborhood has gotten really bad.
- By making punishments more sever and intense intervention
- Put all gang members in jail.
- More vigilance
- With the help of police
- More patrolling
- No
- More vigilance
- More police watch at night to stop and ask when they see a bunch of kids at night after hours.

- The punish should be greater for the kids make them clean
- More surveillance by police
- Enforce the curfew more aggressively by patrolling the streets. There is always teenagers hanging outside Harlingen South High School at 2:00 and 3:00 am.
- More patrol and curfew
- More citizen volunteers
- None
- Keeping more security at night and listen to concerned citizens
- Use own judgement
- None
- None
- N/A
- By talking to the parent
- Make more hangouts
- More patrolling
- By making a program for drawings like that they could stop tagging our buildings
- Manpower and police help
- Getting more involvement
- Curfew
- By patrolling more often when needed especially here in Harlingen
- To get rid of the gang violence
- I would fix it by getting every gang member in the Harlingen jail
- Go immediately no questions just go
- More patrol

8. **Is there a particular section of Harlingen that has a bigger crime problem? (54 responses)**

- Primera, Texas
- Los Vecinos
- Over by Sunset
- On the west side near Lincoln St.
- West side, look at CPS reports and HRL reports
- West side
- No particular
- No
- West side but it seems to be a growing problem in other areas
- Fair park
- Yes West side
- Don't know
- By Coakley
- Don't know
- Lemoyne Gardens, Los Vecinos, Bonita Park
- Whole Harlingen
- Everywhere
- South
- F Street
- West side
- Hygeia area
- North side North 26th Street
- F Street Fair Park
- No
- No
- 26th Street
- No
- I don't know
- I think the middle of Harlingen
- La Juarez
- Downtown Harlingen
- Don't know
- F Street
- Theft
- N/A
- West
- West side
- Yes
- Theft
- Theft
- Filmore

- Fair Park
- 26th Street
- West side area
- West
- F Street
- Over on 26th Street
- F Street
- F Street
- Not that I know of
- West side
- East side
- Filmore Street
- Basin Circle