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# **Community Meeting about Gangs**

The Work Group on Gang-Related Crime invites community members to attend a community meeting to discuss gang activity and gang-related violence in their community on Monday, October 15 from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM in the Community Room at the Water Resources Education Center, located at 4600 S.E. Columbia Way, Vancouver, WA 98661.

What: Community Meeting about Gangs

Who: Work Group on Gang-Related Crime

When: Monday, October 15, 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM

Where: Water Resources Education Center

**Community Room** 

4600 S.E. Columbia Way Vancouver, WA 98661

#### Background

The Work Group on Gang-Related Crime was created by the Washington State Legislature through SB 5987, passed in the 2007 legislative session. SB 5987 directed the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs to coordinate a group of legislatively appointed gang experts to evaluate gang-related crime in our state. The work group consists of legislators, prosecutors, local law enforcement, criminal defense attorneys, court administrators, experts in gang or delinquency prevention including the Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee, and prison administrators and probation officers.

The Work Group is charged with evaluating and making recommendations to the Legislature regarding additional legislative measures to combat gang-related crime, the creation of a statewide gang information database, possible reforms to the juvenile justice system for gang-related juvenile offenses, best practices for prevention and intervention of youth gang membership, and the adoption of legislation authorizing a civil antigang injunction.

The Work Group will hold its fourth regular business meeting on October 15 from 10:00 AM until approximately 3:00 PM and October 16 from 9:00 AM until approximately 3:00 PM at the Clark County Sheriff's Office West Precinct in Ridgefield, WA. All work group meetings are open to the public.

#### Contact

For more information or special assistance, including interpreters, please contact the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs Work Group on Gang-Related Crime Project Manager, James McMahan, at <a href="mailto:james@waspc.org">james@waspc.org</a> or at (360) 486-2380.

# Water Resources Education Center

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### **DIRECTIONS**

**From I-5 northbound or southbound**: take the Camas Highway 14 exit. Within a quarter of a mile, take Exit 1 (Vancouver Nat'l Historic Reserve). Turn right (south) at foot of ramp. Travel under the railroad berm. At the traffic signal, turn left (east) onto Columbia Way. Continue along Columbia Way past Marine Park. At the traffic circle, turn left (north) and follow the drive. Parking is available.

From I-205 northbound or southbound: take the Vancouver Hwy 14 exit. Travel approximately four miles to Exit 1 (Vancouver Nat'l Historic Reserve). At the traffic signal, turn left (east) onto Columbia House Blvd. Proceed parallel to Hwy 14 and stay in the middle lane to the highway underpass intersection. Travel under the railroad berm. At the traffic signal, turn left (east) onto Columbia Way. Continue along Columbia Way past Marine Park. At the traffic circle, turn left (north) and follow the drive. Parking is available.

**From downtown**: travel toward the river (south) on Columbia Street. Proceed under the I-5 bridge and continue on Columbia Street which will become Columbia Way. Travel through the intersection and continue along Columbia Way past Marine Park. At the traffic circle, turn left (north) and follow the drive. Parking is available.