

**TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE
PAROLE DIVISION**



**POLICY AND
OPERATING PROCEDURE**

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SUBJECT: SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR GANG MEMBERS – PRE-RELEASE

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PURPOSE: To outline procedures to assist the Parole Division (PD) in identifying and responding to clients who are confirmed members of gangs, hate groups, or other security threat groups (STG).

DISCUSSION:

Gangs and other STGs exist both in the institutional setting and in the community. A gang is an ongoing association or group of three or more persons, whether formal or informal, whose primary activities include the commission or promotion of criminal conduct by its members. A gang typically has a common name or common identifying sign or symbol, and its members have individually or collectively engaged in a pattern of criminal gang activity.

PROCEDURES:

- I. Regardless of an inmate's offense date or their date of release to parole of mandatory supervision, PD supervision shall increase surveillance of pre-release clients who are confirmed gang members according to PD/POP-3.2.33, *Special Procedures for District Parole Officer and Parole Office Concerning Gang Members*.

- II. PRE-RELEASE PROCEDURES
 - A. Texas Department Criminal Justice-Correctional Institutions Division (TDCJ-CID) staff continually identify inmates who are confirmed to be members of gangs and other STGs.

 - B. When a confirmed gang member is approved for release to parole or mandatory supervision, Review and Release Processing staff shall review information on the mainframe or in the Parole Case Summary to:
 1. Refer the client to the SISP Review Panel according to PD/POP-2.2.6, *Super-Intensive Supervision Program Referral Process*, based on the client's criminal history as well as gang-related information reviewed in the Texas Department of Public Safety TxGANG data base.

2. Use the Parole Plan Update screen according to PD/POP-2.1.13, *Case File Material Processing for Release* to alert the applicable district parole office that the client is a confirmed gang member and request a pre-release residence investigation by a gang-trained parole officer.
3. Request the Board of Pardons and Paroles to impose O.08 – Gang Member Special Conditions when the release certificate is issued if the client meets the necessary criteria.

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