



Tulsa Police Department

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Policy # 118

Policy Name TRACIS Entry of Information – Gang Membership

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PURPOSE OF CHANGE:

Change policy number from 113 to 118.

POLICY:

The Tulsa Police Department continually strives to make the environment in which its officers work as safe as possible. Therefore, information on certified criminal street gang members will be entered into TRACIS and made available to all officers. This information will provide the officer with the opportunity to exercise extra caution.

Individuals have a constitutionally protected right to associate with others who have similar beliefs. Therefore, individuals cannot be penalized or punished merely because of gang memberships; however, intelligence information gathered on criminal street gang members can be used as evidence in judicial proceedings.

SUMMARY: Procedures for identifying, reporting, and entering gang members into TRACIS.

APPLIES TO: All police personnel

DEFINITIONS:

CRIMINAL STREET GANG – any ongoing organization, association, or group of five or more persons who either promote, sponsor, or assist in, or participate in, and require as a condition of membership or continued membership, the commission of one or more certain criminal acts listed in 21 O.S. 856 (F).

PROCEDURES:

1. Officers who come in contact with an individual suspected of being a member of a criminal street gang will complete a *Field Interview Report* (FIR) containing, but not limited to, the following information:

a. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED]
3. Records Section personnel shall forward a copy of the FIR to the Tulsa Area Response Gang Enforcement Team (TARGET) located at SID.
4. When the FIR is received, TARGET will:
 - a. Compile and review all information on the suspected gang member.
 - b. Determine if they can be certified as a gang member.
 - c. Forward an *Interoffice Correspondence* containing the gang member's information to the Information Services Division Commander (if the person is certified as a gang member).
5. Records Section personnel will enter the information in to TRACIS.
6. When an officer requests a record check and the comments section displays GANG, Records Section personnel will alert the officer by using the appropriate 10-code.
7. Officers shall make further requests for gang information by telephone or in person at the Records Section.

REGULATIONS:

1. Gang membership information shall be used by law enforcement personnel only and shall not be disseminated to the public.

REFERENCES:

21 O.S. 856 (F)