



## Get involved...

**Apopka United Against Gangs** is a grassroots initiative that needs **everyone** to get involved. Join us today!

- Visit our web site at: [www.ApopkaUAG.com](http://www.ApopkaUAG.com)
- Subscribe to our monthly newsletter
- Ask us to speak at your business
- Attend town hall meetings and workshops
- Spread the word
- Become a mentor for at-risk youth
- Network with other businesses

**Together, we CAN make a difference in our community!**

## What is a gang?

**Apopka United Against Gangs has defined a gang as:**

*“A youth gang is a tight-knit alliance of two or more individuals that share an on-going relationship with one another. They are bound together for a common cause and support one another individually or collectively in the recurring commission of delinquent and/or criminal acts.”*



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# Apopka United Against Gangs



**Not on my street**

**Not in my neighborhood**

**Not in Apopka**



# A Guide for Businesses



Criminal gangs steal and destroy property, sell drugs to our children and commit acts of violence and brutality that threaten the safety and security of our citizens. The city of Apopka and north-

west Orange County are not immune to this threat, and in fact have active gang members operating in our community and recruiting our children.

There are several gangs that operate in Apopka and the surrounding area:

- SUR 13
  - Latin Kings
  - Bloods
  - Crips
  - Jamaican Posse
  - MS14
  - APK—Apopka Police Killers\*
  - Goon Boys\*
  - 18th Street Boys\*
  - 10th Street Boys\*
  - Taylor Street Boys\*
  - Plymouth Street Boys\*
- \* Local Gangs

**Did you know that the Apopka Police Department will come do a FREE Commercial Safety Survey? Call 407.703.1645 to schedule yours!**

## What you should know...

Following are indicators of some gangs that may help you to recognize gang activity. Not all these indicators confirm gang membership.

### SUR 13

- Use of number “13”
- Use of letter “M” - 13th letter
- Homage to Mexican Mafia

### LATIN KINGS

- Colors — black and gold
- 3 or 5—pointed star or crown
- Pittsburgh sports team apparel

### BLOODS

- Colors—Red, Black, Brown, Pink
- “B”s up and “C”s down
- Dog paws made of three dots

### CRIPS

- Colors—Blue, Gray, Orange, Purple
- 6—pointed Star of David
- “C”s up and “B”s down

### APK

- Color—Blue Darter Blue
- Use Blue Darter emblem
- 2 points shaved in eyebrows

## What to do?

- **Observe and Report what you see**
- **Contact Apopka Police Department at 407.703.1771**

## The 4 “R’s” of Graffiti...

Gangs thrive when they think no one is paying attention. For example, they will paint graffiti on walls, fences, etc. If left unnoticed, gangs believe it’s a sign that no one in the community cares or is willing to do anything about their activities. By knowing what to do, YOU can help keep our community clean and send our message to gangs that their activities and their graffiti are NOT welcome in Apopka! Here’s how...

**READ...**Recognize that you’re looking at graffiti. Whether it is or isn’t gang graffiti it’s not supposed to be there, so it’s important to take the following action:

**RECORD...**Take a picture with a cell phone or digital camera. If no camera is available, draw a picture or write down what it says as best you can.

**REPORT...**Contact the Apopka Police Dept. at 407-703-1771 or 407-703-1772 and ask how to send them a copy or report where the graffiti is located. You CAN remain anonymous.

**REMOVE...**If the graffiti is located on private property it is the responsibility of the property owner to remove it. However, PLEASE contact the proper authorities before removing. Graffiti tells a story. If the graffiti is on public property it will be removed by the proper agency.

