

State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 69

GOVERNOR'S GANG TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Street Gang Suppression Act, Article 13A of Chapter 14 of the North Carolina General Statutes, defines and criminalizes gang activity; and

WHEREAS, in December 2009, the North Carolina GangNET database identified 898 validated gangs and 13,699 validated gang members and associates in 52 counties across North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Organization Act of 1973 established the Governor's Crime Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Conference Committee Report on the Continuation, Expansion, and Capital Budgets, which accompanied North Carolina Session Law 2009-451, appropriated \$200,000 in funding from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act to establish a statewide gang task force within the Governor's Crime Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina, **IT IS ORDERED:**

Section 1. **Establishment**

The Governor's Gang Task Force (hereinafter the "Task Force") is hereby established to enhance anti-gang law enforcement efforts and develop gang prevention policies in North Carolina.

Section 2. **Membership**

- a. Task Force members shall be appointed by the Governor and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Task Force shall consist of at least 25 members, but no more than 40 members. The Governor shall appoint a Chair and a Vice Chair of the Task Force.
- b. The Governor's appointees will include the following persons or their designees:
 1. Chair of the Governor's Crime Commission.
 2. Secretary of the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety.
 3. Secretary of the Department of Correction.
 4. Secretary of the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.
 5. Attorney General.

6. Director of the State Bureau of Investigation.
7. A representative of the Department of Public Instruction.
8. Chair of the GangNet Steering Committee.
9. A representative of the North Carolina Gang Association.
10. The Governor's Policy Director.
11. A district court judge.
12. A superior court judge.
13. A district attorney.
14. An elected official representing the state's local governments.
15. Representatives of local law enforcement agencies, representing both sheriff and police departments in both rural and metropolitan areas.
16. School board members, representing both rural and metropolitan areas.
17. Representatives of non-profit religious or community groups.
18. A member of the North Carolina State Senate.
19. A member of the North Carolina House of Representatives.
20. An academic who has conducted research on gangs and gang activity.

c. The following federal agencies are invited to participate in the Task Force:

1. A representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
2. Representatives of the United States Attorney's Offices for the Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of North Carolina.

Section 3. Duties

The Task Force shall have the following duties:

- a. Develop a comprehensive plan to ensure a well-coordinated, statewide enforcement program. The program should increase the flow of gang-related information among various law enforcement agencies, correctional institutions, and the judicial system.
- b. Investigate and identify current and emerging gang issues.
- c. Investigate and identify policy changes to better prevent, mitigate, and address gang activity.
- d. Recommend legislative and executive action necessary to implement a comprehensive, coordinated plan and to make identified policy changes.

The Task Force shall report its progress, findings, and recommendations to the Governor every six months or more frequently, if warranted.

Section 4. Meetings

- a. The Task Force shall meet at least quarterly.
- b. Meetings shall be held upon the call of the Governor or the Task Force Chair.
- c. A majority of the Task Force shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 5. Administration

- a. The Task Force shall be housed within the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, under the Division of the Governor's Crime Commission.
- b. The Task Force shall be a separate entity from the Governor's Crime Commission. The Governor's Crime Commission shall create a new committee on gang prevention, which shall work with the Task Force staff to implement policy priorities identified by the Task Force.
- c. The Governor's Crime Commission shall hire two staff members for the Task Force. Salaries and expenses of Task Force staff shall be paid with funding from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act and provided through the federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program.
- d. Task Force staff shall organize all Task Force meetings, prepare reports on behalf of the Task Force, identifying current and emerging gang issues, assist with gang-related grants, and work with the gang prevention committee of the Governor's Crime Commission.
- e. No per diem allowance shall be paid to members of the Task Force. Members of the Task Force may receive necessary travel and subsistence expenses in accordance with State law and the policies and regulations of the Office of State Budget and Management.

Section 6. Implementation and Duration

This Executive Order is effective immediately. It supersedes and replaces all other executive orders on this subject. It shall remain in effect until June 30, 2012, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 147-16.2, or unless earlier rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in the City of Raleigh, this 4th day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fifth.



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ATTEST:

Elaine F. Marshall
Elaine F. Marshall *by and through*
Secretary of State *Richard B. M. ...*
Chief Deputy Secretary
of State