

Who are some of our collaborative partners?

- Community Based Organizations
- Non-Profit & Faith Based Organizations
- Local & Federal Law Enforcement
- Probation Department
- Stockton Unified School District
- Lodi Unified School District
- Manteca Unified School District
- Lincoln Unified School District
- County Office of Education
- Citizen Groups
- Library
- Delta College
- District Attorney

Program Success

In 2006, after attrition and budget cuts reduced the size of Operation Peacekeeper, the Stockton City Council made a commitment to reinvigorate the program by increasing the number of Youth Gang Outreach Workers. As a result, the City of Stockton has enjoyed a significant reduction in the amount of gang activity and violence.

The Operation Peacekeeper Program invests in youth in the long term by planting the “seeds” of making decisions that positively impact the youth’s future.

The program has also played a significant part in reducing gang homicides from a high of 22 in 1997, down to only 2 in 1998— that’s a 91% decrease! Afterwards, the impact of the Peacekeeper Program continued to make a difference and between 1999-2003 there were fewer gang-related homicides each year.

Success of the program has also been measured in the attitudes and feedback received from youth, parents, school officials and citizens in general. Operation Peacekeepers receives many positive comments of appreciation from these sources as well as the partner organizations we work closely with. We attribute much of the success within the Operation Peacekeeper Program to the continued partnership with our collaborative partners.

CITY OF STOCKTON PEACEKEEPERS



What is Operation Peacekeeper?

For more information

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Mission

The Mission of Operation Peacekeepers is to use outreach workers in collaborations with government and community based organizations to:

- **Reduce gang related violence in Stockton**
- **Reach out to gang related youth ages 10 to 18**
- **Provide the resources necessary for them to abstain from a gang lifestyle and become productive members of society.**

Vision

The vision is to build mentoring relationships with youth who have the highest risk of gang involvement, particularly serious gun-related violence, and provide positive alternatives for a healthier non-violent lifestyle.

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Program Strategy

The Peacekeeper Program is a comprehensive strategy in response to gang activities and gun violence involving youth. When violence occurs, the participating law enforcement partners communicate and mobilize together to address the violent groups involved across all possible legal fronts. This message is clear: Violence will not be tolerated. Our commitment:

- ***Gang members are under particular scrutiny;***
- ***Violence in the city will be met with a strong and coordinated interagency response;***
- ***Violent activity will get special prosecutorial attention, potential federal investigations, and focused prosecutions are mobilized.***

“ There ’ s a balance between locking people up, but there ’ s also got to be prevention, intervention and support for families. ”

- Jose Gomez
Operation Peacekeeper,
Youth Outreach Coordinator

Who Are Youth Gang Outreach Workers?

Youth Gang Outreach Workers are street-wise young men and women, who are ethnically and culturally diverse, with representation from the area’s Southeast Asian, Hispanic, and African American communities.

They are trained in conflict resolution, mediation, community organizing, mentoring, and case management, and they work in neighborhood settings wherever young people at risk of violence are found; including schools, parks, street corners, and apartment complexes.

Youth Gang Outreach Workers build the bridge between youth and their families, by collaborating with government, community-based, and faith-based organizations, to accomplish our mission and vision.

If youth need help or just want to talk, the Youth Gang Outreach Workers are there to listen and provide resources to help them turn away from violence and gangs. The message: “There are alternatives, and we are here to help if you want to participate.”