

Group #2 – Nick, Carol, Trudy

What specific gang related issues are you dealing with in schools/community?

Ronan – joined webinar to get an overview of what is going on and to get a sense of “what to expect”. Ronan small rural community, one hour to Metropolitan/college town, it is where people go. Issues may/will bleed out. It is likely there could be a small emerging situation, PD (Nick) is new to community, not readily apparent, some graffiti.

KFSD – emerging, kids wanting a group to belong to. We do have gangs, kept under wraps, it is primarily adults, but moving to kids. Kids are born into gangs, it is whether or not the family is still active when they move to KFSD. Traditionally, Hispanic kids, non-hispanic, native American gangs. Tagging, violence, continual monitoring of apparel.

N Wasco – highly migrant, poverty, seeing graffiti, interesting clothing displays, schools are really trying to blame some of their problems on gang issues, PD thinks the staff are too quick to jump to “gang cause”.

1. How is the gang issue being addressed in your school district? In your community?

N Wasco – school blaming district problems on gangs, they are panicking, a group of minority students standing in hallway, call principal, break it up.

KFSD – used to be there, seeing more girl gangs, asian gangs, teachers and staff less reactive, used to have a gang task force, not funded right now but still there, SRO's are monitoring and channel of communication.

Ronan – information gathering, keeping aware, monitoring, has definitions in policies and procedures for the district, been without an SRO for awhile, due to personnel shift, once SRO is in place (in training now) he will be point person.