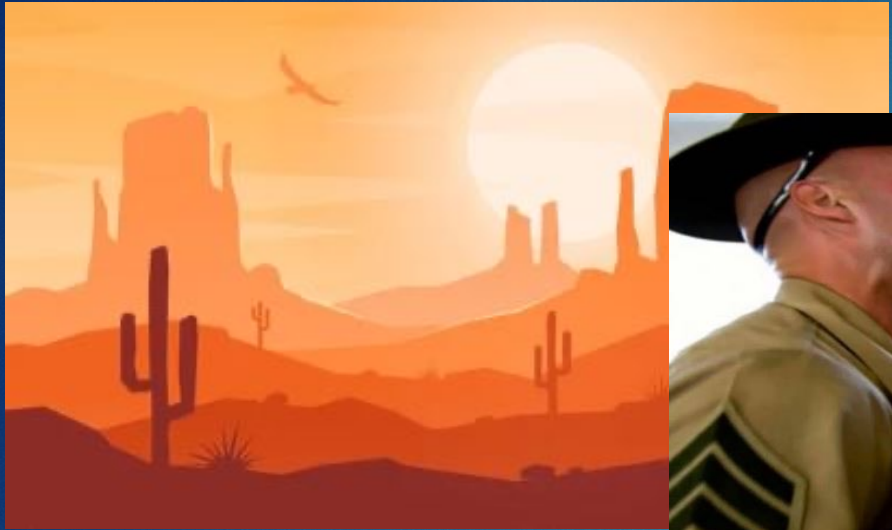


# Staying Ahead of Organized Crime and Drugs









# What is HPD's Anti-Crime Team(ACT)?

- ▶ Special unit designed to combat street level criminal activity including:
  - ▶ Narcotics
  - ▶ Weapons/Violent crimes
  - ▶ Gang and Organized Crimes
  - ▶ Robbery
  - ▶ Burglary
  - ▶ Apprehension of dangerous wanted persons
  - ▶ Human trafficking
  - ▶ Any other issues designated by a precinct commander





# Cooperating agencies

- ▶ HPD Criminal Investigations Division
- ▶ North Alabama Drug Task Force
- ▶ HPD Patrol and Special Operations Units
- ▶ NAMACC
- ▶ All levels of Parole and Probations
- ▶ Federal Agencies Including
  - ▶ FBI
  - ▶ DEA
  - ▶ US Marshals
  - ▶ ATF
  - ▶ HSI
  - ▶ US Secret Service



# Organized Crime, Gangs, and Narcotics

- ▶ Huntsville enjoys significantly lower street gang and organized crime levels than that of other similar sized cities
- ▶ Gang activity is mostly isolated to loosely connected individuals who cooperate through narcotic sales and distribution(DTOs)
- ▶ The majority of those identified in our gang database are gang affiliates or former gang members
- ▶ HPD and ACT aggressively investigates suspected gang and organized crime activity
- ▶ The work done by HPD and the NADTF is crucial to the difficulty of organized crime and narcotics networks and their pipelines to become established in Huntsville



# How can organized crime affect Huntsville?

- ▶ More citizens become victims of crime
- ▶ Quality of life decreases
- ▶ Economic depressions
- ▶ Public and private corruption



# What we do to combat this?

GATHER AND DOCUMENT INTELLIGENCE ON GANG MEMBERS/AFFILIATES

CREATE AND MAINTAIN INFORMANTS

MONITOR EXISTING CRIMINAL ACTIVITY TO KNOW IF IT IS GANG RELATED

AGGRESSIVELY PURSUE EMERGING GANGS/ORGANIZED CRIME ORGANIZATIONS

INTERVENE AND DISMANTLE DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATIONS

TARGET CRIMINALLY OBTAINED ASSETS

EDUCATE THE PUBLIC



# How and why this works

**\*INTELLIGENCE IS KEY TO ALL CRIME FIGHTING METHODS**

**\*PROACTIVE COMMUNITY POLICING**

**\*EDUCATION AND INTERVENTION ARE STRONGEST DETERRENTS**

**\*WITHOUT ASSETS AND RESOURCES, ORGANIZED CRIMINAL ACTIVITY CANNOT GET A  
FOOTHOLD**



# How our citizens can help

**EDUCATION IS KEY!**

**SEE IT, REPORT IT**

**COME GET INVOLVED**