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Sheriff Lou Vallario and the Garfield County Sheriff's Office would like to introduce "T.A.G.", the new Threat Assessment Group of Garfield County. T.A.G. was initiated by the Sheriff's Office in response to the increase of gang related activity within the jail, but the staff quickly realized that the issue is now overlapping throughout our communities.

T.A.G.'s primary mission is to combat gang related criminal activity by educating and empowering our communities, giving our citizens the tools to recognize and report gang activity in their neighborhoods and their homes. In conjunction with local law enforcement, the citizens of Garfield County have been called to make a stand by not allowing the influence of gang related activity and the problems it tends to impress upon our citizens.

The T.A.G. Unit is presenting "Recognizing Gangs, the Signs of Gangs and Gang Members" for the community. The first

presentation will be held on March 19th, 2009 at 7:00 pm in New Castle, CO and is being hosted by Riverside Middle School.

For further information or interviews please contact Holly Hopple, Community Relations Deputy with the Garfield County Sheriff's Office at (970) 945-0453 ext. 1081, (970) 309-9697 or by email at hhopple@garcosheriff.com.