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Community Education on Gangs and Their Local Impacts

RIFLE, Colo. – The Garfield County Sheriff's Office and its Threat Assessment Group (TAG) specialists will be holding a community education session on local gang issues Thursday, August 12, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Sheriff's Office Annex, 106 County Road 333-A in Rifle (just south of the Garfield County Regional Airport off Airport Road/County Road 352).

The presentation will cover what TAG is and does; why kids join gangs; identification of symbols, signs, graffiti and tattoos; and recent gang activity and associated impacts in the local area. There will be a follow-on question and answer session for concerned citizens, parents, guardians and teachers.

This educational session is open to the public and is free-of-charge. Similar events have been highly beneficial in helping citizens better understand current gang trends and how to best address the threats in their neighborhoods, schools and communities.

For more information, please contact TAG Deputy James Miller at 970-945-0453 or jmiller@garcosheriff.com.

The mission of the Garfield County Sheriff's Office is to provide solutions for the people by utilizing and employing strong morals, good character, untarnished integrity, technical knowledge and fiscal responsibility through professional, ethical and equitable conduct.

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