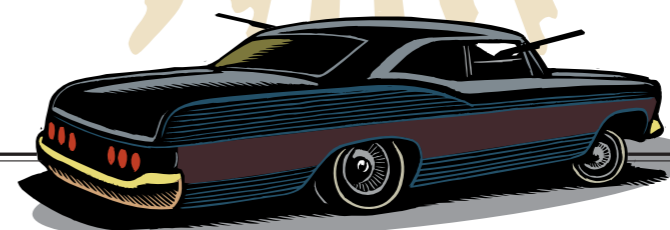




The Illegal Alien Gangs



◆◆ ONCE FOUND PRINCIPALLY IN LARGE CITIES, VIOLENT STREET GANGS NOW AFFECT PUBLIC SAFETY, COMMUNITY IMAGE, AND QUALITY OF LIFE IN COMMUNITIES OF ALL SIZES IN URBAN, SUBURBAN AND RURAL AREAS. NO REGION OF THE UNITED STATES IS UNTOUCHED BY GANGS. GANGS AFFECT SOCIETY AT ALL LEVELS, CAUSING HEIGHTENED FEARS FOR SAFETY, VIOLENCE AND ECONOMIC COSTS. ◆◆

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