

Governor's Council on Gangs and Violent Criminal Networks 2025

Executive Order 01.01.2017.30 A

Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy

October 23, 2025

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The Honorable Wes Moore
Governor of Maryland
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RE: Executive Order 01.01.2017.30 A (MSAR #11410)

Dear Governor Moore:

In accordance with Executive Order 01.01.2017.30 A, which requires the Governor's Council on Gangs and Violent Criminal Networks (Council) to submit a report to the Governor by November 1 of each year, please accept this letter as fulfillment of the required report.

Pursuant to its charge, this *Governor's Council on Gangs and Violent Criminal Networks 2025 Letter* includes information regarding the activities of the Council. It also serves as a follow-up to a report submitted in 2018,¹ and subsequent letters in 2019,² 2020,³ 2021,⁴ 2022,⁵ 2023,⁶ and 2024,⁷ all of which have focused on highlighting the implementation and progress of the Governor's Special Operations Group.

Governor's Special Operations Group Activities

The Governor's Special Operations Group (GSOG), established under the Senior Law Enforcement Coordinator in 2019, remains a cornerstone in Maryland's coordinated effort to combat gangs and violent criminal networks. Operating as a statewide investigative and intelligence resource, GSOG

¹ Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy. (2018). *Governor's Council on Gangs and Violent Criminal Networks 2018 Annual Report*. https://dlslibrary.state.md.us/publications/Exec/GOCCP/EXORD01.01.2017.30A_2018.pdf

² Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy. (2019). *Governor's Council on Gangs and Violent Criminal Networks 2019 Letter*. https://dlslibrary.state.md.us/publications/Exec/GOCCP/EXORD01.01.2017.30A_2019.pdf

³ Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy. (2020). *Governor's Council on Gangs and Violent Criminal Networks 2020 Letter*. https://dlslibrary.state.md.us/publications/Exec/GOCPPVVS/EXORD01.01.2017.30A_2020.pdf

⁴ Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy. (2021). *Governor's Council on Gangs and Violent Criminal Networks 2021 Letter*. https://dlslibrary.state.md.us/publications/Exec/GOCPPVVS/EXORD01.01.2017.30A_2021.pdf

⁵ Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy. (2022). *Governor's Council on Gangs and Violent Criminal Networks 2022 Letter*. https://dlslibrary.state.md.us/publications/Exec/GOCPPVVS/EXORD01.01.2017.30A_2022.pdf

⁶ Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy. (2023). *Governor's Council on Gangs and Violent Criminal Networks 2023 Letter*. https://dlslibrary.state.md.us/publications/Exec/GOCPPVVS/EXORD01.01.2017.30A_2023.pdf

⁷ Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy. (2024). *Governor's Council on Gangs and Violent Criminal Networks 2024 Letter*. https://dlslibrary.state.md.us/publications/Exec/GOCPP/EXORD01.01.2017.30A_2024.pdf

provides analytical and operational support to law enforcement agencies engaged in complex criminal investigations that extend across jurisdictions.

Working in close partnership with the Maryland Criminal Intelligence Network (MCIN), the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), and other state and local agencies, GSOG delivers actionable intelligence that strengthens case development and enhances officer safety. The group has played an increasingly critical role in addressing organized auto theft, carjacking, and firearm-related offenses by leveraging data analysis, surveillance support, and interagency deconfliction to identify and dismantle coordinated criminal enterprises.

Through these collaborative efforts, GSOG continues to embody the Governor's commitment to proactive, data-driven enforcement strategies. Its contributions reinforce Maryland's broader approach to improving public safety through integrated intelligence sharing, cross-jurisdictional cooperation, and sustained partnerships that protect communities statewide.

Conclusion

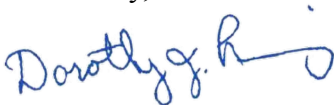
The Governor's Council on Gangs and Violent Criminal Networks has remained inactive since the prior administration. This inactivity is attributable to the creation and sustained operation of other statutory and executive councils with substantially similar objectives, including the Law Enforcement Coordinating Council and the Regional Law Enforcement Councils [§§ 2-315\(j\)](#) and [2-316\(h\)](#). These bodies collectively fulfill the Council's original intent by facilitating interagency coordination, advancing intelligence-driven strategies, and promoting unified efforts to prevent and reduce violent crime across the State.

Given the functional overlap among these entities and the Council's lack of activity in recent years, the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy respectfully recommends consideration of rescinding Executive Order 01.01.2017.30. Consolidating these functions under the active and operational councils will enhance efficiency, eliminate duplicative reporting requirements, and ensure a more streamlined and effective approach to statewide public safety coordination.

Should you have any questions relating to the information provided, please feel free to contact me at 410-697-9338.

As required, five color copies will be sent to the DLS Legislative Library.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dorothy J. Lennig", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dorothy J. Lennig, Esq.
Executive Director

cc: Sarah Albert, Department of Legislative Services (5 copies)