Security Risk Groups

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Goals
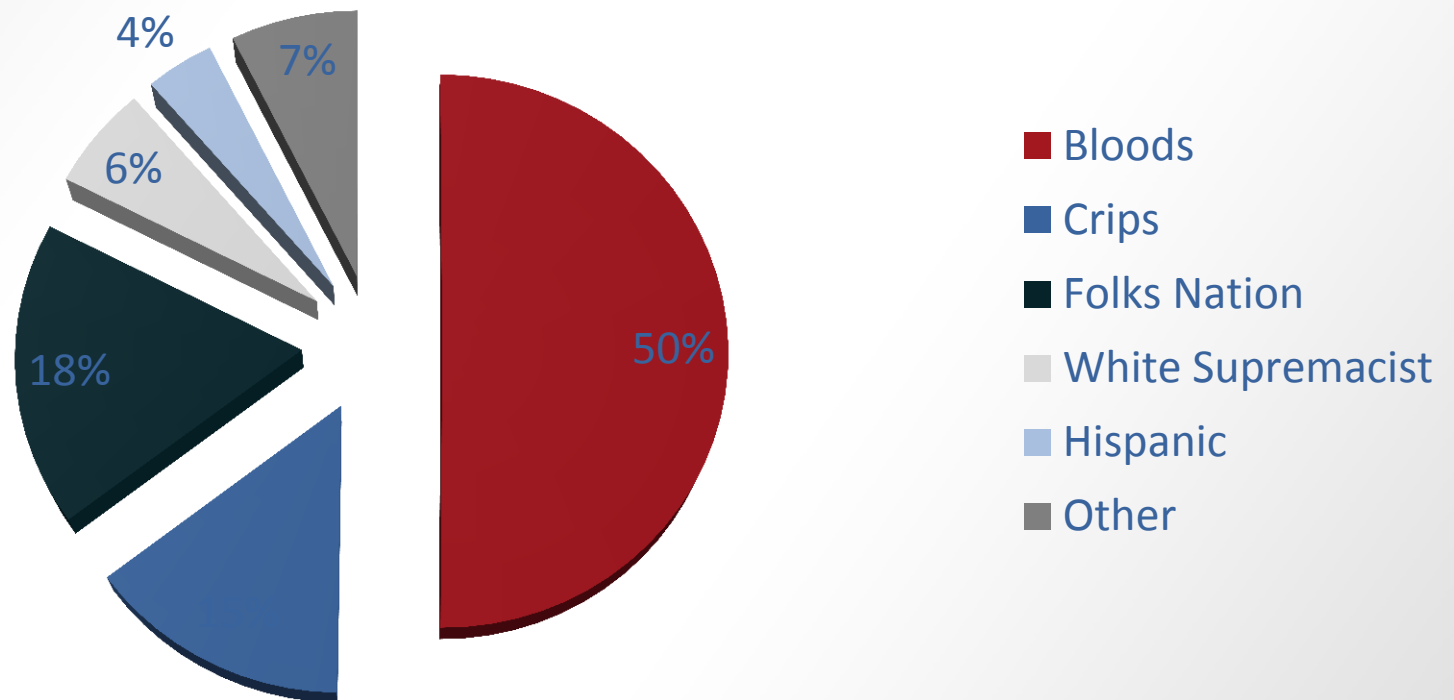
▸ Identify Security Risk Group Members and Supervise them in the Most Effective Manner to Reduce Violence and Ensure Public Safety

▸ Gather, Analyze, and Disseminate Intelligence

▸ Work with Outside Agencies to Assist in Investigations and Share Intelligence

▸ Work Towards Reducing Recidivism Through Evidence Based Programing

Overview

▶ Currently 4842 Validated and Associate Gang Members in the Division of Prisons and 2604 on Community Corrections.

▶ Gang Members Make up Approximately 13% of the Prison Population and Less Than 3% of the Community Correction Population.

Security Risk Group Makeup (Prisons)

- Bloods — 50%
- Crips
- Folks Nation — 18%
- White Supremacist — 6%
- Hispanic — 4%
- Other — 7%

Validation Process

▸ Identification of Possible Members

▸ Investigation into Membership

▸ Completion of Validation Packet

▸ Approval Process

Security Risk Group Online System

NC Division of Adult Correction
Security Threat Group Management Unit (STGMU)

Program Overview

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SRG Captain

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STGMU Unit Manager

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Security Threat Group Management Unit (STGMU): Lieutenant

▸ The STGMU Lieutenant is a Foothills Correctional Institution staff member responsible for monitoring activities, maintaining records, and gathering/ disseminating information concerning STGMU inmates. Included duties:

▸ review and update inmate photographs

▸ photograph and update all tattoos, markings, colors, etc. for identification and monitoring.

▸ monitor all telephone privileges and calls

▸ review all suspicious acts (fights, group acts, associations) whether Security Risk Group related or not, complete a monthly activity log

- randomly review video of STGMU yards, visitation, gym for any security threat group activity
- review any suspicious mail flagged by the mailroom; review outgoing mail (except legal mail) involving suspected SRG activity
- identify and select inmates throughout the state that meet the requirements to participate in the STGMU; assist with program intake and team assignments
- ensure the property of a SRG member is searched every seven (7) days
- review potential SRG material in possession of STGMU inmates
- secure and forward inmate confidential SRG file at time of transfer

Security Threat Group Management Unit: Initiative

▶ Goals:
  ◦ Decrease impact of SRG activity on NC prison operations
  ◦ Provide inmates with the tools to encourage a lifestyle free of gang involvement.

▶ Target Population:
  ◦ Male, Level 3 SRG, Regular Population, Close & Medium Custody

▶ Housed in Foothills Correctional Institution (Morganton, NC), operational in 2005

▶ 192 bed housing unit retrofitted for:
  ◦ 160 beds STGMU regular population programming
  ◦ 32 beds STGMU restrictive housing

Security Threat Group Management: Unit Phase Program

- ‣ Three phases, 90 days each
- ‣ Quarterly admissions
  - ◦ Inmates approved through chain of command
  - ◦ Final approval through STGMU Hearing Committee provides due process

- ‣ Inmates housed in regular population status
  - ◦ Incentive wage, earn time jobs, custody reviews
  - ◦ Access to all routine services (medical, mental health, religious)
  - ◦ Disciplinary actions handled within unit

- ‣ Privileges increase through phases (e.g., phone calls, visitation), advancement based on active program participation & adherence to unit rules

Security Threat Group Management: Unit Phase Program

▸ Each Phase is divided into multiple teams based on SRG affiliation.
  ◦ Phase 1: maximum 8 members per team, same SRG affiliation
  ◦ Phase 2: maximum 12 members per team, mixed SRG affiliations
  ◦ Phase 3 Team: maximum 16 members per team typically no more than 12), mixed SRG affiliations.

▸ STGMU Team Structure Benefits
  1. Control
  2. Programing
  3. Security

▸ Custody and Programs staff work together ensuring unit schedules and set goals are maintained in accordance with policy

Security Threat Group Management Unit: Programming

- Follows research-based best practices in correctional programming:
  - Cognitive-behavioral model intended to *change criminal thinking* and *improve deficient social & behavioral skills*
  - Inmate testing & program evaluation integral part of program design
  - Meaningful incentives (visits, custody promotion)

- Each Phase incorporates core Cognitive Behavioral Intervention program
  - GED, Career Readiness Certification available in Phases 2 and 3
  - Elective programming as available
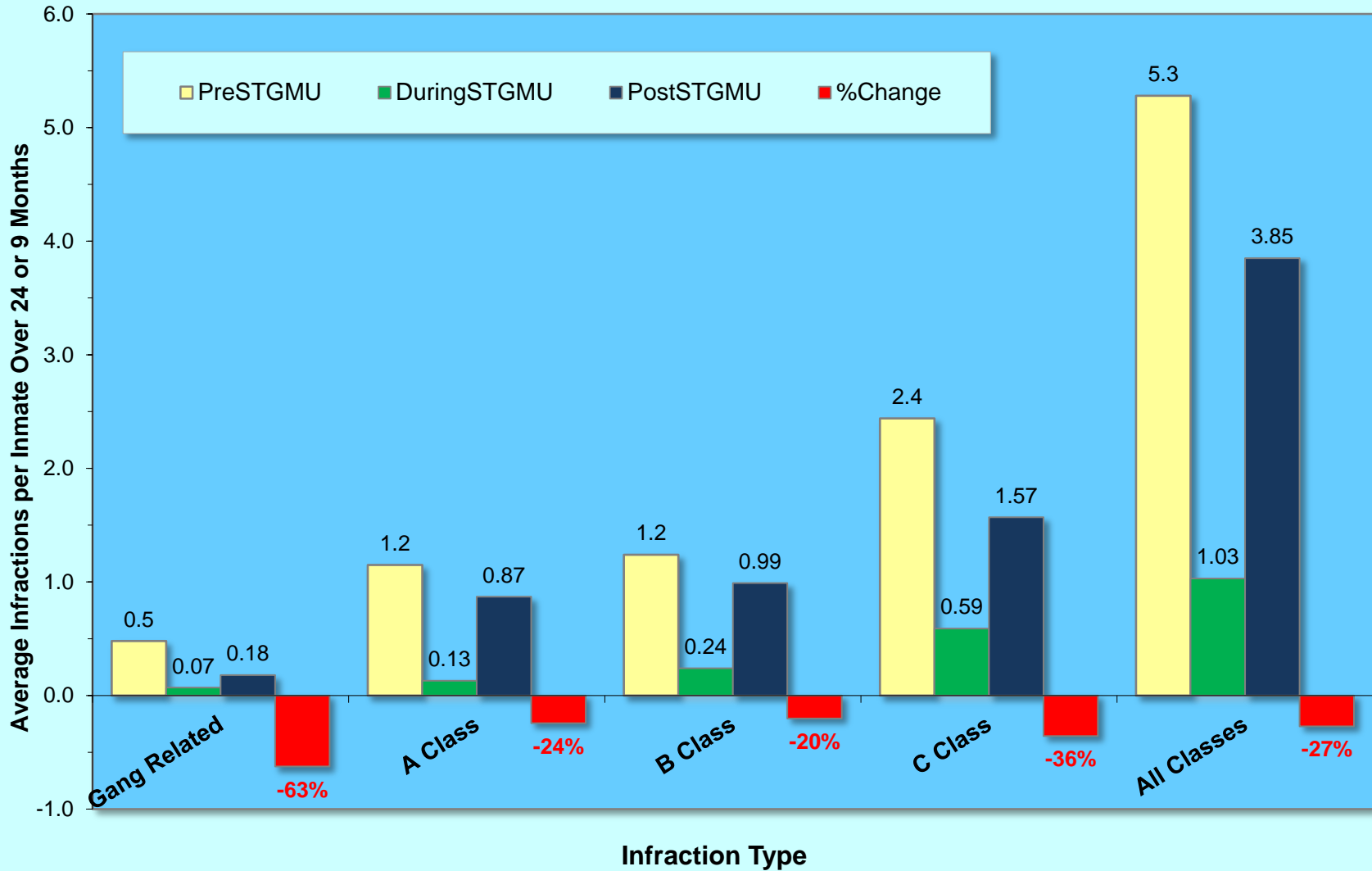
- Individual Intensive Control programming

Security Threat Group Management Unit: Statistics

▸ Since July 2005, STGMU has graduated **1050** inmates

▸ Fewer than 100 admitted inmates failed to graduate (28 of those were due to release from prison) = *6% failure rate*

▸ 14 of 15 Intensive Control Program inmates went on to graduate

▸ Following graduation:
  ◦ SRG level is lowered to 2
  ◦ Contact visits with immediate family restored
  ◦ Minimum custody eligible

▸ Graduates transfer to designated facilities for Post Monitoring Program

Disciplinary Infraction Rates
24 Months Before, During, and 24 Months After STGMU
(N=324)

Outcome Data – Two Points:

▸ Disciplinary infractions decrease dramatically *while assigned to STGMU*:
- ◦ A-class down 70%, overall infractions down 48%

▸ Compared to pre-STGMU rates, disciplinary *infractions remain significantly lower 2 years later*:
- ◦ Gang infractions down 63%
- ◦ A-class infractions down 24%
- ◦ B-class infractions down 20%
- ◦ C-class infractions down 36%
- ◦ Overall infractions down 27%

▸ Decreased infractions = fewer days in prison = $ savings