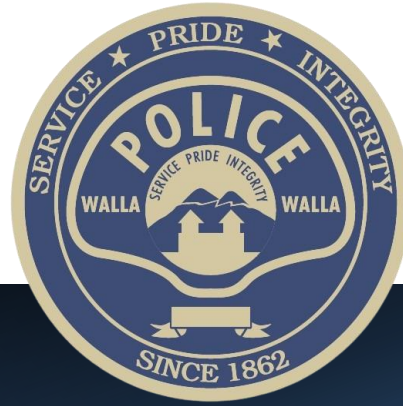


Gang Activity Walla Walla's Perspective



Chief Chris Buttice
Walla Walla Police
Department

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Chief of Police since 2022

26+ years of service in
Walla Walla

Lifelong community
member

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Current Gang Trends Walla Walla – Compared to other WA cities

Presence of multi-generational gangs

Narcotics trafficking- Gun Violence –Territorial Disputes

Connection to statewide and regional crime

Use of social media for threats and recruitment

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How Has Gang Activity Evolved??

Organized Narcotic Sales and
Distribution

Increase in human trafficking-
related cases

Use of encrypted communications
Tech Savvy members

Shift from visible tagging to digital
presence-No longer flying Colors

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Policing Strategies That Work for WWPD

- Focused deterrence and intelligence-led policing-Targeting hotspots
- Use of Street Crimes/Task Force Units for enforcement – Graffiti abatement
- Early Intervention – Gang Awareness training, School Resource officers, Community Education
- Partnerships with probation and parole

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Gain Community Support

- **Strong Crime Prevention Units – Education-based outreach**
- **Programs to build trust**
 - **Bridging the Gap & Community Police Academy**
- **Domestic violence and victim services advocacy**

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What Cities Can Do?

- Invest in prevention and intervention-support proactive units
- Prioritize data sharing and tech upgrades – FLOCK cameras
- Build trust with marginalized communities
- Support police recruitment and officer wellness

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Helpful Regional and Statewide Resources

NW Gang Investigators Assoc

WA Narcotics Investigators Assoc.

Partnerships with School Districts

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Thank You