

**REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE**  
**Pursuant to P.A. 124 of 2007**  
**Section 613**  
**Parole/Probation Special Operations Program**

Project Joshua is a gang gun violence reduction program which primarily uses deterrence and incapacitation as law enforcement strategies intended to reduce gun violence. Agencies involved included the Attorney General, Detroit Police Department, and Department of Corrections. Key components of the program are aggressive prosecution and investigation of gang related gun violence, gang interdiction, call-in meetings to communicate behavioral consequences and options for transitioning to nonviolent behavior, evening home visits, community outreach and communication.

The first Project Joshua call-in meeting occurred in January, 2005. The home visits began in June, 2005. Zero tolerance was implemented for Project Joshua participants in late September of 2005. There were no new enrollments for Project Joshua from the Attorney General's Office after January 2007. The Attorney Generals' Office withdrew from the Project Joshua Initiative in April 2007. However, MDOC continued involvement by making home calls with the Detroit Police Department and supplementing those home calls through Operation SPOTCHECK agents and the Wayne County Sheriff's Department.

Between July 2005 and April 2007 there were 352 parolees and 680 probationers that participated in Project Joshua. During this same time frame, there were 23 parolees ordered returned for no shows and 146 parolees ordered returned for various other violations. Probationers found to be in violation of court orders were referred to the supervising agent for referral to the court.

Between July 2005 and April 2007, DOC agents and law enforcement made the following field contacts for offenders involved in Project Joshua: 7,066 home calls, 3,484 collateral contacts and 1,973 in-person contacts. Between May 2007 and September 2007 there were an additional 301 home calls on parolees and 14 more parolees were ordered returned due to parole violations. Additionally, there were 1,819 home calls on probationers during this time frame.