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Last year in San Antonio, Texas, more than 1,600 arrests were made. Of those arrests, more than 580 were gang-related and more than 200 firearms were taken off the streets. The credit for pushing gangs off the streets goes to the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) Gang Unit, and to one Laughlin AFB Airman.

When not in military uniform, an Air Force Reserve Master Sergeant from Laughlin AFB serves as a patrol officer assigned to the SAPD Gang Unit with the monumental task of tackling gang-related activity. The Gang Unit is responsible for locating and documenting gang members and responding to incidents that have indicators of gang-related activity in a safe and effective manner.

As one of a very select group of 25 officers, detectives, and sergeants assigned to track and monitor more than 30 gangs comprised of over 10,000 gang members, he understands the intense emotional and physical challenge placed in front of him. This 15-year Airman attributes his ability to cope with these pressures and his commitment to both missions to the knowledge gained from each. The structure, discipline, and leadership he brings from his military experience coupled with the real-world experiences gained from the streets of San Antonio is advantageous for both organizations.

NOTE

EXCELLENCE IN ALL WE DO directs us to continuously advance ourselves and increase our knowledge as Airmen. We must have a passion for continuous improvement to propel our performance and, in turn, the performance of our Air Force.

Maintaining civil order and discipline in a city that is a focal point for so many military service members and families motivates this Airman to keep streets safe.