

GANG TATTOO REMOVAL



REQUEST:

**REPLACE LASER AT U OF U FOR
GANG TATTOO REMOVAL
\$175,000 ONE-TIME**

THE PROGRAM

Since 1991 the Salt Lake Metro Gang Unit has partnered with the Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at the University of Utah Medical Center to allow former gang members to finalize their break with the gang lifestyle by providing free removal of gang tattoos.

The Metro Gang Unit screens applicants to determine their eligibility for the program. The U of U provides free of charge, the physicians, technicians, and equipment necessary to provide this service.

WHY NEEDED

- The laser broke in March 2022
- Currently 10 vetted applicants waiting
- Gang tattoos can make it difficult to gain employment

ABOUT SALT LAKE AREA GANG PROJECT

The mission of the Salt Lake Area Gang Project, also known as Metro Gang Unit, is to identify, reduce, and prevent criminal gang activity through public education and proactive enforcement. Gang tattoo removal is one of many tools used to reduce gang violence and help former gang members leave the life.

PARTNERS:

**SALT LAKE AREA GANG PROJECT -
METRO GANG UNIT**

**UNIVERSITY OF UTAH MEDICAL
CENTER - DIVISION OF PLASTIC AND
RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY**

IT'S ORGANIZED



**METRO GANG UNIT
CHOOSE GANG FREE
RESIDENTS AGAINST GRAFFITI**

A MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL GANG INTELLIGENCE, SUPPRESSION & DIVERSION UNIT

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The Salt Lake Area Gang Project, in conjunction with the Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at the University of Utah Medical Center, coordinates the tattoo removal program. The program was started in 1991 to allow former gang members to finalize their break with the gang lifestyle.

The Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at the University of Utah Medical Center provides free of charge, the physicians, technicians, and equipment necessary to provide this service. Most tattoos require at least two visits. Larger tattoos may require as many as six to eight visits. The procedure can only be repeated every six weeks. Tattoo removal is a slow process but for those who are committed to breaking free from their former destructive lifestyle, it is worth it.

Interested applicants should obtain an application form, either from our web site (www.updsl.org) or by calling 385-468-9770. The completed form should be returned to the Salt Lake Area Gang Project, 3365 South 900 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84119, ATTN: Tattoo Removal Program. The following criteria are used to determine eligibility. The applicant must:

- **Reside** in the State of Utah for at least 1 (one) year
- **No** arrests within 1 year of applying
- **No** gang involvement within 1 year of applying
- **No** criminal activity for 1 year following any incarceration, parole, or probation.
- **No** unresolved issues with the courts (fines, bail, etc.)
- **Letter** explaining your future goals and plans and why you should be accepted into the Tattoo Removal Program
- **Submit** photos of any tattoos that are to be removed. Please include a full body photo identifying the location of the tattoo and a close-up of the tattoo. The tattoos **must** be gang related.
- **All** applications will be reviewed. Exceptions may be granted on a case by case basis.
- **The** application must be complete before it can be accepted. Failure to complete any one of the above requirements will result in the denial of your tattoo removal request.

Applicants will be notified by mail or e-mail whether their application is accepted or rejected. Individuals whose applications are accepted may be required to schedule a pre-screening interview.

If accepted, it is the responsibility of the applicant to keep appointments and follow the doctor's instructions. Failure to do so may result in being dropped from the program.

PARTICIPATING AGENCIES: Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives • Federal Bureau of Investigation • Granite School District Police Department • ICE/ERO
Salt Lake City Police Department • Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office • Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office • Saratoga Springs Police Department • South Salt Lake Police Department
Unified Police Department of Greater Salt Lake • United States Attorney's Office • United States Marshals Service • Utah Department of Corrections — Adult Probation & Parole
Utah Department of Human Services — Division of Juvenile Justice Services • Utah Department of Public Safety — State Bureau of Investigation • West Valley City Police Department