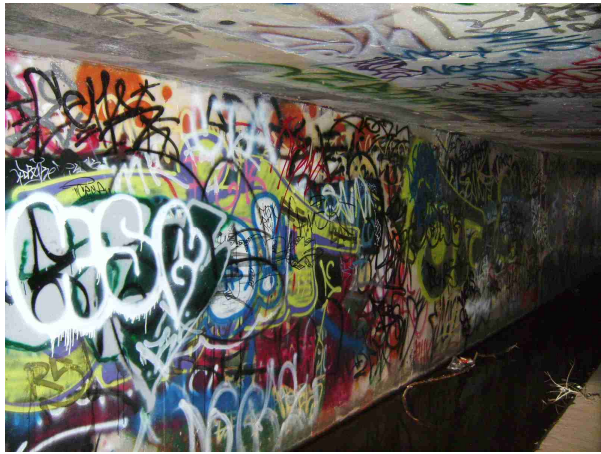


# GRAFFITI



## 18-4-501 Criminal Mischief

(1) Any person who knowingly damages the real or personal property of one or more other persons...in the course of a single criminal episode...

- Colorado Revised Statutes

## M.A.G.T.F. Member Agencies

Adams County Sheriffs Office  
Arapahoe County Sheriffs Office  
Arvada Police Department  
Boulder Police Department  
Broomfield Police Department  
BNSF Railway Police  
Castle Rock Police Department  
Colorado State Patrol  
Commerce City Police Department  
Denver Police Department  
Douglas County Sheriff's Office  
Eagle Police Department  
Englewood Police Department  
FBI Denver/Metro Gang Task Force  
Glendale Police Department  
Greenwood Village P.D.  
Highlands Ranch Park Rangers  
Jefferson County Sheriff's Office  
Lafayette Police Department  
Lakewood Police Department  
Littleton Police Department  
Lone Tree Police Department  
Longmont Police Department  
Parker Police Department  
Sheridan Police Department  
Thornton Police Department  
Westminster Police Department  
Wheat Ridge Police Department

### Out of State Members

Rockford, IL. Police Department  
Yonkers, NY Police Department



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## METRO AREA GRAFFITI TASK FORCE

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**The Metro Area Graffiti Task Force (MAGTF) consists of law enforcement professionals from various agencies, dedicated to increasing awareness and knowledge in the public and law enforcement communities of the growing problem of graffiti and tagging in our cities and towns.**

**MAGTF also serves as a training resource for law enforcement and other authorized entities on the latest trends and methods concerning graffiti and its relation to other serious crimes.**

**Since 2006, MAGTF has identified over 300 taggers and gang members wanted for crimes ranging from graffiti to home invasion robbery.**

## **MAGTF 101**

**1. Communication is the key.** MAGTF acts as a communication link between agencies in the sharing, dissemination and interpretation of intelligence and other information related to graffiti crews, gangs and serial taggers. MAGTF also deciphers graffiti for many agencies who are unable to read or interpret graffiti tags.

**2. If it isn't documented, it never happened.** MAGTF maintains a federally compliant database, including photographs, of identified and wanted graffiti offenders and suspects.

**3. Getting involved in the community.** MAGTF reaches out to schools, neighborhood watch groups, Fire and EMS agencies as well as hospital and E.R. staff to educate and make our communities aware of the problems graffiti crews and gangs can bring to a community.

**4. Business assistance.** MAGTF helps businesses and property owners identify and alleviate environmental design issues to help reduce graffiti incidents.

## **What to look for :**

**1)** Taggers or graffiti artists commonly have their monikers and names and abbreviations of their graffiti crews on their belongings.

Look for tagging on notebooks, backpacks, skateboards, etc.

**2)** Taggers often have sketchbooks or practice pads they use to plan or design murals (aka "pieces") or just practice writing their tag over and over. Graffiti is stylized and not meant to be read by the general public.

Taggers often gain higher respect among peers if their lettering is harder to read but still artistic or stylized.

**3)** Common graffiti materials are broad tipped permanent markers, paint markers or pens, oil based paint sticks, etching tools or liquid solvents... and of course, spray paint..

Specialized Spray Paint tips are also commonly used. These tips emit a variety of spray widths and styles. These materials can be easily purchased online or at local shops that sell graffiti supplies.

