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WICHITA, KAN. – “The simplest answer to control gang violence is to get involved. Report it. Call Crime Stoppers if you’re afraid to come forward,” District Attorney Marc Bennett said during a recent news briefing.

At the halfway point of the year, Bennett said 115 people have been charged with gang-related crimes compared with 89 for the same period of time in 2012. 48 guns were seized in the first six months of 2013 and 515 gang members were arrested. 538 gang members were arrested at this time last year.

“More often, gang crimes take place in either broad daylight or in full view of dozens if not hundreds of witnesses. Those gang members count on witnesses’ silence. They count on fear.” Bennett and Lt. Scott Heimerman of the Wichita Police Gang Unit agree preventing young people from ever becoming involved in gangs is “key” in reducing gang violence.

At a recent news briefing in the District Attorney’s Office, Bennett released a list of remaining summer activities young people can get involved in:

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