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# Fentanyl, Drug Cartels & Current Drug Trends

**Date/Time:** July 6, 2023 | Registration 8:00am | Training 8:30am – 3:30pm | **LIMITED TO FIRST 75 REGISTRANTS**

**Location:** Ottawa County Sheriff's Office, 12220 Fillmore Street, West Olive, MI 49460 Main Conference Room

**Cost:** **FREE** – Lunch provided

**Audience:** **UNCLASSIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE** for police command and executives, as well as essential training for TFOs, intelligence analysts, crime lab personnel, and prosecutors covering the application of trace technology in the world of fentanyl, opioids, and new synthetic drugs. This workshop will enhance your investigative efforts and help keep you safe. Attendees will learn about new tools used to identify drugs which are a real danger to law enforcement and the public. Workshop will also include a brief on current Drug Trafficking Operations in Michigan and the impact Mexican Cartels are having in our region.

**Registration:** To register, [Click Here](#) to be directed to the Michigan HIDTA portal. Use the following instructions:

Choose **Fentanyl, Drug Cartels and Current Drug Trends**

Complete registration using your **formal name** and including your **phone** and **work email**

Enter **Name of Michigan HIDTA Task Force** *if you are a member*

Enter your **Agency of Employment** (Not name of your special team)

Select **Complete Registration**

You will receive a confirmation email from [nhacapps@sflhidta.org](mailto:nhacapps@sflhidta.org) with pertinent training information.

If you do not find in your email, check your junk/spam folders. Questions regarding registration, contact HIDTA Training Coordinator Paula Coon at [pcoon@mi.hidta.net](mailto:pcoon@mi.hidta.net) or 586-839-7214.

**Presenters:** **Gil Van Attenhoven:** Retired Senior Special Agent in Charge, California Dept. of Justice, Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement, with 29+ years law enforcement experience. Provides drug training courses for several counterdrug programs, (Regional Counterdrug Training Academy, Midwest Counterdrug Training Center, COPS Office). Holds bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from California State University. Past President CA Narcotic Officers Association and graduate of the FBI National Academy, Session 209.

**Steve VerDow:** Assistant Special Agent in Charge, DEA Detroit Field Division. Oversees enforcement and administrative operations in western and northern Michigan. Began law enforcement career in 1992 as Trooper with West Virginia State Police. Joined DEA in 2000 and assigned to Seattle Field Division. In 2011, promoted to Group Supervisor and later Resident Agent in Charge at Columbus District Office supervising enforcement operations in central and southeast Ohio. In 2018, reassigned to DEA Special Operations Division in Virginia as Staff Coordinator in Mexico, Central America, and Canada Section, providing assistance for numerous high-profile investigations throughout North and Central America. Holds a bachelor's degree in Police Administration from Eastern Kentucky University.

**Rinaldo (Ray) Ollie:** Began as an officer with Houston P.D. 1980. In 1990, started his career with DEA serving as Special Agent in domestic and foreign assignments in Houston, TX; San Juan, Puerto Rico; Kingston, Jamaica; Detroit; Washington, DC; and Bangkok, Thailand. As Acting Regional Director in 2014 for the Far East Asia Region, responsible for oversight of (13) DEA foreign offices encompassing (34) countries. In 2015, served as ASAC in the DEA Detroit Division overseeing enforcement/HIDTA initiatives. With 28 years' federal service, retired in 2018 to serve as Deputy Director of the Michigan HIDTA. In 2022, selected to serve as Executive Director of the Michigan HIDTA. Holds a bachelor's degree in Business from University of Houston.

