



Gulf Coast High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Training Alert **No Cost to Attend**

Advanced Patrol Techniques

Sponsored by the Gulf Coast HIDTA and Cosponsors – U.S. Department of Homeland Security / BLOC HIDTA

Watch Center- U.S. Customs and Border Protection, (CBP)

WHEN: Tuesday April 16, 2024, 8:30 – 5:00

Wednesday April 17, 2024, 8:30 – 5:00

WHERE: Golden Nugget Casino and Resort Ballroom

Address: 151 Beach Boulevard, Biloxi, MS 39530

DEADLINE FOR MAKING RESERVATIONS:

Reservations must be received by the Hotel before **March 26, 2024.**

ROOM RATES: \$79.99

DESCRIPTION:

This training opportunity has three goals: 1) develop sophisticated roadside interdiction investigative techniques. 2) Utilizing the most recent technologies, intelligence-led policing gathers and analyzes data to give officers useful intelligence. This information can be utilized to strategically place personnel and other assets for successful law enforcement actions. 3) improving investigations, pertaining to narcotics/bulk cash smuggling investigation procedures. Enrollment for the Blue Lightning Operations Center (BLOC) access will be offered. The BLOC GC HIDTA Watch Center will also provide an overview of 2023 statistics and enforcement efforts.

Hotel/Motel Interdiction, this class discusses the illegal activities that thrive in local hotels and motels. The legal aspects of searches and consensual encounters during hotel/motel investigation. We then give you investigative techniques on how to turn your local hotels into partners and make seizures and arrest on a regular basis. Educate agents, members of the local, state and federal prosecutor's offices, Hotel/Motel management and employees in the theory of hotel/motel Interdiction.

METHOD OF RESERVATION:

BLOC Training - Group Code: **S240353** Attendees may make their reservations by calling [1-800-777-7568](tel:1-800-777-7568) and using the group code, **or** they may click on this link (no group code needed): [Golden Nugget Biloxi-click here for reservations](#)



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The last day to make reservations will be March 26, 2024 or until rooms run out, whichever comes first.

TRAINING:

The Gulf Coast HIDTA is proud to provide a two-day Advanced Patrol Techniques Training at **no cost to attend**.

Instructors:

Customs and Border Protection (CBP):

Compartment training will be provided by CBP personnel. Agents from the southwest border will provide photographs and video of the most current concealment methods being utilized by criminal organizations.

Trooper Ryan Fletcher is currently employed as a full-time criminal interdiction trooper with the Tennessee Highway Patrol and is the task force commander of the Appalachia HIDTA DHE-IP task force. Ryan has been in law enforcement since 2011, with most of that time working in an interdiction capacity. Before beginning his career with the Tennessee Highway Patrol, Ryan helped start the first full-time interdiction team for the 8th Judicial Drug Task Force. Ryan joined the Tennessee Highway Patrol Interdiction Plus team as a full-time member in 2019. Ryan has continued his pursuit of advanced interdiction training and has since become an instructor for the Tennessee Highway Patrol's Interdiction Plus team. Ryan has received many awards, including the drug officer of the year, looking beyond the stop award, and the 2020 largest cocaine seizure by BLOC Gulf Coast HIDTA.

Trooper Brad Harper-Captain KSP-Retired is a 27-year veteran of law enforcement, starting in 1995 as a patrol deputy with the Warren County Sheriff's Office. In January of 2001, Captain Harper was hired by the Kentucky State Police (KSP) as a State Police Trooper. Captain Harper has been involved in hundreds of narcotics investigations to include criminal conspiracies in Kentucky and Tennessee. He has worked large narcotics cases that went from Kentucky to California and many states in between. He has been assigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), Alcohol Tobacco firearms and explosives (AFT) and the DEA for federal wire case. Captain Harper has received accommodations for drug investigations that were investigated, and large drug trafficking organization were dismantled.

Enrollment:

1. Click on this link <https://www.nhac.org/hidtatraincalendar/events/1>
2. Once logged in, select Gulf Coast HIDTA



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3. Then select "**Advanced Patrol Techniques**" class and fill in the online application
4. Select Complete Registration
Save the application number for further use if necessary

You will receive an e-mail indicating your online registration has been received

Attendance: Open to all certified law enforcement officers and support personnel.

Contact: Please enroll on-line. If you have any questions or issues with the on-line process, contact Tony Sauro at 228.297.2863 or by e-mail at saurot@gchidta.org