



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

Sponsored by the Gulf Coast HIDTA and Co-sponsor – Harrison County Sheriff's Office

Three Day Basic Narcotics Investigations Course

WHEN: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 08:00AM-5:00 PM
 Thursday, June 27, 2024 08:00AM-5:00 PM
 Friday, June 28, 2024 08:00AM-5:00 PM

Location: **Harrison County Law Enforcement Training Academy**

 Location: 13960 James Bond Road,
 Gulfport MS

DESCRIPTION:

During this course, investigators will learn about the most seized controlled substances and the hazards associated with them (i.e., fentanyl). Investigators will learn of the various paraphernalia associated with each of those substances and learn how to determine if the subject of investigation is a dealer or user. This course covers the roles of the undercover, CI handler, case detective/agent, cover teams, and supervisor. Attendees will also learn how and where a case starts, and pitfalls (red flags) in undercover operations and de-confliction. Attendees will also build paraphernalia props that can be used in undercover operations, for training within their agencies, or for training community-based organizations. All attendees will receive certification as a train-the-trainer in the use of DetectaChem field test kits. This 24-hour course covers the following topics: Controlled substances- Recognition, hazards, paraphernalia, routes of ingestion, determining user vs. the dealer. Individual responsibilities- Case detective, cover teams, undercover, and supervisor. Operational planning- Where does a case start? How to plan a case. How to collect intelligence through investigative resources. Handling UC funds. CI management and rules. Paperwork that should be in your case files. Pitfalls in undercover operations. What probable cause is for search warrants, orders, and seizures. Train the trainer- Field test kit train-the-trainer certification via DetectaChem field test kits. Drug paraphernalia- Attendees will build props to use in undercover operations or to use in furtherance of teaching-controlled substances to law enforcement or in community group settings.

TRAINING:

The Gulf Coast HIDTA is proud to provide a three-day Basic Narcotics Investigations Course at **no cost to attend.**



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Instructor: William "Bill" Loucks Jr

Bill is currently the North Carolina senior investigator for Hope For Justice, where he conducts human trafficking investigations for a non-governmental organization (NGO).

Bill spent four years as an instructor for the North Carolina Department of Justice-Justice Academy (NCJA) in Edneyville where he instructed gang and narcotics-related courses. He also served as the school director (SD) for the prescription drug diversion investigator and supervisor's certification courses. Bill was also the qualified assistant (QA) school director over the specialized explosives & hazardous materials commissioned course. Bill has instructed more than 10,000 individuals on controlled substances, gangs, and human trafficking.

Bill retired from the Metro Nashville Tennessee Police Department in August 2018. Bill spent 13 of his 15 1/2 years with Metro PD working as a gang and narcotics detective. Throughout his time with Metro PD, Bill had written more than 800 search warrants and been involved in more than 1000 search warrant executions. He has been the affiant on and taken part in multiple T-III (wiretap) cases. Bill is experienced in functioning undercover in both gang and drug-related cases. Bill has also testified in Nashville Davidson County, TN, Criminal, General Sessions, and Juvenile Courts as a subject matter expert in clandestine labs, and gangs.

Bill has more than 17,000 Hrs. and 10 years of investigative experience ranging from transnational criminal organizations (TCO/cartel), street dealers, organized crime, homicides, weapons violations, fraud rings, identity theft, etc. He has conducted more than 500 seizures ranging from US currency, cars, boats, houses, guns, bank accounts (writs of attachment), etc. Bill has shut down and padlocked businesses in the past over nuisance/abatement orders.

Before his police career, Bill spent 8 1/2 years in the United States Army. Bill served three years as a cannon member in the 82nd Airborne Division. In his last five years, Bill worked as a Flight Engineer with the Task Force 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (SOAR - Night Stalkers) on the MH-47E Chinook helicopter.

Enrollment:

1. Click on this link <https://www.nhac.org/hidtatrainingcalendar/events/1>
2. Once logged in, select Gulf Coast HIDTA
3. Then select " **Three-Day Basic Narcotics Investigations Course**" class in Gulfport Mississippi 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: All law enforcement is welcome in this course regardless of assignment.

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