



# 2025

## Gang-A- Palooza

In March 2025, the W/B HIDTA, NCIS and the Virginia DCJS will team up to bring the first Gang-a-Palooza Event to our region.

We will offer three trainings:

**Identification and Suppression of Tren de Aragua**

**The New Face of Mexican Cartels**

**New Trends of Mexican Fentanyl**

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**Time: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Date: March 3<sup>rd</sup> , 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Location: Little Hall Theater**

**2034 Barnett Ave, Quantico, VA 22134**

[Online Registration in HOTT is as follows:](#)

Open your web browser

to <https://www.nhac.org/hidtatraincalendar/events/27>

1. Select **(course name)**. Select register
2. Fill in the **HOTT Online Application** and select **Complete Registration**

**\*You will need to register for each class separately.**

**March 3<sup>rd</sup> ,4<sup>th</sup> , and 5<sup>th</sup> , 2025**

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**Course Description:****Identification and Suppression of Tren de Aragua**

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**

In a short three years there has been an insidious nationwide proliferation of an extremely violent gang from Venezuela that has been facilitated by mass illegal border crossings. Tren de Aragua has been compared to MS 13 but there are distinct differences that have snuck up on law enforcement. This 8-hour class covers the founding, growth, structure, identification, and suppression of this burgeoning public safety crisis.

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## **The New Face of Mexican Cartels**

**March 4<sup>th</sup> , 2025**

Mexican Cartels have been flooding the United States with narcotics for decades. It wasn't until the new millennium that they became more organized and violent. This class discusses the evolution of these organizations, their unique culture, areas of operations, and the impact allies and rivalries have on drug trafficking and violence in Mexico and the U.S.

## **New Trends of Mexican Fentanyl**

**March 5<sup>th</sup> , 2025**

There are now more than 200 recognized DTOs operating in Mexico. This 8-hour class will discuss the fragmentation and animosity among these groups and the increase in violence it has created. The Mexican DTO and China nexus to produce fentanyl Discussion on the distribution of fentanyl. Attraction of addicts and the new market to fentanyl. Complications of fentanyl overdoses, treatment, and withdrawal. New marketing strategy of fentanyl by DTOs. There are now more than 200 recognized DTOs operating in Mexico. The class will discuss the fragmentation and animosity among these groups and the increase in violence it has created. The Mexican DTO and China nexus to produce fentanyl Discussion on the distribution of fentanyl. Attraction of addicts and the new market to fentanyl. Complications of fentanyl overdoses, treatment, and withdrawal. New marketing strategy of fentanyl by DTOs.

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