



# Gulf Coast High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Training Alert

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## CELL PHONE INVESTIGATION TECHNIQUES

### FREE TRAINING

**WHEN:**       **October 20 and 21, 2025 (Monday & Tuesday)**  
Class Times: 8:30 AM-4:30 PM

**WHERE:**     Saint Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office Training Division  
300 Brownswitch Road  
  
Slidell, LA 70458

**Attendance:** Open to all certified law enforcement officers and Intel Analysis.

**DESCRIPTION:** Cellphone Investigations Techniques

Criminals rely on cellular telephones to facilitate their illegal activities on a daily basis. With the evolution of the smart phone technology, it is becoming increasingly difficult for law enforcement to successfully exploit cell phones. Police officers must learn common cell phone terminology and understand the data that they receive from the cell phone companies.

Many officers are unsure how to read communication detail records (CDRs). Officers will be presented with numerous examples of CDRs and will learn how to interpret every aspect of the report. One of the most difficult aspects of exploiting cellular telephones is the preservation of evidence during an active investigation. Techniques will be presented to prepare court orders and search warrants to force a cellular telephone company to preserve detailed CDRs including the content of SMS/MMS messaging during an active investigation.

The collection of data stored in a cellular phone can be challenging and problematic without the proper exploitation equipment. Numerous types of software and exploitation kits and equipment will be demonstrated during the course. Wiretap investigations can produce very powerful and overwhelming evidence of guilt; however, the failing to follow established protocol in obtaining wiretap orders can lead to evidence being suppressed and defendants evading prosecution. This course will provide students with the fundamental aspects of developing wiretap investigations, uses and analyzing of pen registers, drafting wiretap affidavits, establishing "necessity", minimization requirements, and administrative roadblocks often encountered. In ongoing Criminal Enterprises and Drug Trafficking

**Organizations, multiple cellular telephones are utilized. This is a technique used to thwart law enforcement's ability to monitor and exploit the criminal's cellular phone. With the proper data, and investigative tools, the new telephone numbers can be easily figured out. Information will be presented on the most effective ways to overcome "dropped phones." This two-day training course will provide officers a comprehensive approach to exploiting cellular telephones. This exploitation can lead to the identification of co-conspirators, and to help officers secure convictions in cases where only circumstantial evidence exists.**

**Instructor:**

- **Enrollment: Open your web browser and log into The link for Gulf Coast HIDTA**
- **<https://www.nhac.org/hidtatrainingcalendar/events/1> or go to our GCHIDTA website at <http://www.gchidta.org>. Click on the training tab and find the event on the calendar.**
- Select "Cellphone Investigation Techniques October 20-21, 2025"
- Fill in the Online Application
- Select Complete Registration
- You will receive an email indicating your online registration has been received

**Contact: Please enroll on-line. If you have any questions or issues with the on-line process, contact Ronnie Hoefeld at 504-616-8673 or [hoefeldr@gchidta.org](mailto:hoefeldr@gchidta.org).**

**All students registering: Please use Gulf Coast HIDTA as your HIDTA category.**