



# High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Gulf Coast Training Alert

---

## OPEN SOURCE INTELLIGENCE TRAINING

*No cost to attend*

**WHEN:** September 23-24, 2025 (Tuesday-Wednesday)

Time: 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

**WHERE:** Florida Dept. of Law Enforcement

5045 Commerce Park Circle, Pensacola, Florida 32505

**CO-SPONSOR:** Florida Department of Law Enforcement

### DESCRIPTION:

Open Source Intelligence is a crucial aspect of combating crime in the 21st century. Modern-day technology continues to evolve; however, law enforcement has been behind the curve. Unfortunately, many law enforcement agencies are attempting to fight current criminal activities with outdated methods. While open-source searches do not change, the tools utilized to search for this information are what changes. This course is designed to help bring officers and investigators up to speed with the new technology trends and give them practical/applicable tools to conduct online investigations involving open source and social media platforms. Uniform officers can immediately put aspects of the course to work as effectively as detectives or criminal analysts. **Artificial intelligence (AI)** has become an essential part of not only many organizations in law enforcement, but the entire world in many aspects. When used effectively, these tools provide actionable insights and can be very effective. This training will provide attendees with an informed perspective regarding the basic understanding of AI, and AI in law enforcement. Topics include Internet basics such as IP addresses and domains, an overview of currently popular social media platforms, and best practices for building an on line undercover profile. This course will feature live demonstrations of both open-source and commercially available investigative tools for information gathering, and artifacts related to social media; as well as automated utilities to capture information and crawl websites. Police officers teach this class for police officers. The method of teaching is smooth and straight forward, and each officer will leave with immediately applicable tools to assist in investigations. \* It is recommended that you bring a laptop/tablet to the class.

**INSTRUCTOR:** Joe Pannullo-Las Vegas Metro Police Department (Retired). Served 22 years with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department before retiring in 2017, and spent the last 18 years as a Detective assigned to the Narcotics Section. During the time, he was assigned to the Clandestine Lab Team, Street Level Narcotics Team, a sworn Federal Task Force Officer (TFO) and assigned to a DEA Task Force for 5 years. Joe worked undercover for 10 years dealing with low & mid-level dealers as well as



# High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Gulf Coast Training Alert

Cartel Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTO). Joe received numerous awards and accommodations to include the Medal of Honor, Meritorious Service Award, and the Life Saving Award. In 2014, Joe was chosen for the Red Ribbon Narcotics Detective of the Decade Award, which is named in honor of DEA Agent Kiki Camarena killed in the line of duty.

**Enrollment:** • <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.

- Then select "Open Source Intelligence" class. Sept 23-24, 2025
- Fill in the Online Application.
- Select Complete Registration
- Save the application number for further use if necessary
- You will receive an email indicating your online registration has been received

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

Please enroll on-line. If you have any questions or issues with the on-line process, contact Don DeSalvo at 337-849-1996 or [donald.desalvo@gchidta.org](mailto:donald.desalvo@gchidta.org).

**All students registering:** Please use [Gulf Coast HIDTA](#) as your HIDTA category.