



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

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## Advanced Narcotics Techniques Class

**WHEN:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 08:00AM-5:00 PM  
Thursday, October 30, 2025 08:00AM-5:00 PM

**Location:** I.P. Casino and Resort

**Address:** 850 Bayview Avenue  
Biloxi, MS 39530

### **DESCRIPTION:**

ADVANCED NARCOTICS TECHNIQUES Course- Nationwide, most narcotics detectives were only taught the basics of how to do three buys from a target location, serve a search warrant, and then close the case if they can't flip the original target. During this training session, LE will learn new advanced approaches to making cases, including establishing trafficking patterns, articulating criminal behaviors, cultivating new levels of informants, advanced body wire technology, cell phone tracking, utilizing open-source intelligence, and other electronic evidence sources that are available for officers to serve legal processes.

### **This two-day course will cover the following:**

- Open-source intelligence (what it is and where to get it)
- New levels of informants • Establishing patterns of criminality in cases
- Electronic evidence sources
- Advanced body wire/listening devices
- Simple surveillance for advanced probable cause
- Small units that produce large unit results
- Making a case while reducing exposures to hazardous controlled substances (fentanyl, Nitazines, etc.)

### **TRAINING:**

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



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## **Instructor: William "Bill" Loucks Jr**

**Bill Loucks** brings over two decades of law enforcement experience, having retired from the Metro Nashville Police Department in August 2018. During his 20+ year career, he spent 13 years as a gang and narcotics detective, where he played a pivotal role in combating organized crime and drug-related offenses. Bill authored over 800 search warrants and participated in over 2,000 warrant executions. He has also served as the affiant on multiple Title III (wiretap) cases and has extensive experience operating undercover in gang and narcotics investigations.

As a recognized subject matter expert in clandestine laboratories and gang-related crime, Bill has provided expert testimony in the Criminal, General Sessions, and Juvenile Courts of Nashville-Davidson County, Tennessee.

Bill is a full-time North Carolina Department of Justice instructor assigned to the Justice Academy. He currently develops a specialized course curriculum for various classes, including human trafficking, narcotics, undercover, and confidential informant management for the more than 35,000+ cops in North Carolina. Throughout his instructional career, he has trained more than 17,000 professionals, including international, federal, state, and local law enforcement officers.

Bill holds multiple certifications, including North Carolina General and Specialized Instructor, School Director over the North Carolina Specialized Explosives and Hazardous Materials Instructor Commission course, School Director over the North Carolina Drug Diversion Investigator and Supervisors Commission courses, Maryland Instructor for Basic Narcotics, Tennessee Police Instructor and Tennessee Specialized Police Instructor certification for gangs.

Bill served as the Senior Investigator for North Carolina at Hope for Justice, a non-governmental organization (NGO) dedicated to combating human trafficking. In this capacity, he conducted investigations aimed at identifying and dismantling human trafficking operations.

Bill has published work in the Domestic Preparedness Journal, Volume 1, April-June 2024, on "The Nexus Between Drug and Human Trafficking. He has additional publishing in the Tennessee Narcotics Officers Association 2014 annual magazine on "Fentanyl Hazards and Awareness." Additionally, he is an active staff member of the International Narcotics Interdiction Association (INIA).

## **Room Reservations:**

**Group Name:** Advanced Narcotics Techniques Class

**Group Code:** ANTJ25C

**Cut-Off Date:** Wednesday, October 15, 2025

**Online Reservations:** [www.ipbiloxi.com/groups](http://www.ipbiloxi.com/groups)

**Group Link:** ANTJ25C



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## **Call-In Reservations:**

IP Casino Resort Spa Room Reservations Department (888) 946-2847, press 1 for reservations, identify yourself as being with a group by using Group Name or Code.

**\$89.00 room rate with a \$17.00 resort fee.**

## **Check-in**

Check in time begins at 4:00 pm and checkout time is by 11:00 am.

## **Deadline for making reservations:**

Reservations must be received by the Hotel before October 15, 2025. Any unsold rooms remaining in this block will be automatically released on this day and returned to the Hotel for general sale.

## **Enrollment:**

1. Click on this link <https://www.nhac.org/hidtatrainingcalendar/events/1>
2. Once logged in, select Gulf Coast HIDTA
3. Then select " **Advanced Narcotics Techniques Course** " class in Biloxi, 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](mailto:saurot@gchidta.org)