



High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Gulf Coast Training Alert

Law Enforcement on the Stand

No cost to attend

WHEN: February 9-10, 2026

8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

WHERE: Sowela Technical College
3820 Senator J. Bennett Johnston Avenue
Lake Charles, La 70615, Building 9 (Regional Training Center)

CO-SPONSOR: Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office (C.A.T.)

DESCRIPTION:

Law enforcement officers may be called upon to testify at several phases in criminal cases. Officers provide impactful testimony at motions, hearings and at trial. Unfortunately, law enforcement too often take the stand without adequate preparation and without meaningful training about how to answer lawyers' questions. Teaching officer's strategies and tactics to effectively answer the questions lawyers are trained to ask is critical to successful prosecutions. Law enforcement personnel need to exercise these strategies and tactics in a training setting and receive meaningful feedback. The objective of this program is to: provide meaningful preparation that applies to testimony in criminal cases, train officers to become effective and credible witnesses.

INSTRUCTOR:

Professor Caren Cambre, JD, is a career homicide prosecutor in New York and Louisiana, and has worked extensively with law enforcement conducting investigations and presenting testimony throughout the litigation.



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- **Enrollment:** Open your web browser and log into The link for Gulf Coast HIDTA
 - <https://www.nhac.org/hidtrainingcalendar/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 "Law Enforcement on the Stand" class February 9-10,2026 and February 11-12, 2026
 - Fill in the Online Application
 - Select Complete Registration
 - You will receive an email indicating your online registration has been received

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

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.

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