



# High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Gulf Coast Training Alert

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## OPEN SOURCE INTELLIGENCE TRAINING

*No cost to attend*

**WHEN:** June 29-30, 2026 (**Monday-Tuesday**)

Time: 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

**WHERE:** University of South Alabama

650 Clinic Drive, Suite 1100 Mobile Alabama, 36688

**CO-SPONSOR:** University Of South Alabama Police Department

### DESCRIPTION:

This course aims to explore the transformative role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in modern law enforcement practices. Students will learn about different aspects of AI and how it functions in today's society, then examine how AI technologies are deployed for crime prevention, investigation predictive policing, surveillance, and forensic analysis. The goal is to prepare learners to understand both the opportunities and challenges of integrating AI into policing, considering operational effectiveness, ethical dilemmas, policy implications, and public trust. TOPICS COVERED: AI used in open-source investigations, deepfakes being used in criminal behavior, legal standards and due process, public trust and engagement, future trends and challenges with AI, drone utilization of AI technologies, technology terms/acronyms and how it's developed and works, fundamental concepts of AI and its application in law enforcement and ethical, legal, and societal implications of AI deployment in policing.

**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



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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 "Artificial Intelligence Training" class. June 29-30, 2026
- -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.