Gulf Coast
High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area
Training Alert

Three Day Basic Narcotics Investigations Course

FREE TRAINING

WHEN: **November 17 - 19, 2026**
Class Times: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

WHERE:

Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office Rifle Range (Kitchen Classroom)

357 Sheriff Fewell Road

West Monroe, LA 71292

Attendance: Open to certified law enforcement officers.

DESCRIPTION:

During this course, investigators will learn about the most seized controlled substances and the hazards associated with them (i.e., fentanyl). Investigators will learn of the various paraphernalia associated with each of those substances and learn how to determine if the subject of investigation is a dealer or user. This course covers the roles of the undercover, CI handler, case detective/agent, cover teams, and supervisor. Attendees will also learn how and where a case starts, and pitfalls (red flags) in undercover operations and de-confliction. Attendees will also build paraphernalia props that can be used in undercover operations, for training within their agencies, or for training community-based organizations. All attendees will receive certification as a train-the-trainer in the use of DetectaChem field test kits. This 24-hour course covers the following topics: Controlled substances- Recognition, hazards, paraphernalia, routes of ingestion, determining user vs. the dealer. Individual responsibilities- Case detective, cover teams, undercover, and supervisor. Operational planning- Where does a case start? How to plan a case. How to collect intelligence through investigative resources. Handling UC funds. CI management and rules. Paperwork that should be in your case files. Pitfalls in undercover operations. What probable cause is for search warrants, orders, and seizures. Train the trainer- Field test kit train-the-trainer certification via DetectaChem field test kits. Drug paraphernalia- Attendees will build props to use in undercover operations or to use in furtherance of teaching-controlled substances to law enforcement or in community group settings.

- **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 "Three Day Basic Narcotics Investigations November 17 - 19, 2026
- 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.**

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