




# NY/NJ HIDTA TRAINING ALERT

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<b>Enrollment</b>	<b><i>There is NO FEE associated with this class Registration Instructions are Below</i></b>
<b>Course</b>	<b>Organized Retail Crime Syndicates (ORCS)</b>
<b>When</b>	<b>June 11, 2026</b>
<b>Where</b>	GSA Public Buildings Service, Region 2 26 Federal Plaza, Room 2-100 New York, NY 10278
<b>Time</b>	<b>Sign in: 8:30am Class starts at 9:00 am, Class ends at 4:00 pm Attire is Casual, Law Enforcement Personnel Only</b>
	<b>Host: Federal Protective Service U.S. Department of Homeland Security</b>

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Palestra Group International is presenting a one-day course on Organized Retail Crime Syndicates (ORCS) and the law enforcement action needed to identify and dismantle these criminal groups. Reaching critical mass, these criminal groups are operating throughout the United States defrauding retailers, posing a physical threat to customers/employees, and reducing available merchandise needed to sustain a healthy economy. Post pandemic, ORCS have exploded costing retailers billions of dollars forcing them to close retail locations and pass financial losses onto the customer.

Using on-line auction sites and person to person classified platforms, these groups are netting profits which fuel other criminal enterprises such as narcotics, firearm, and human trafficking. As these groups become more violent using “Smash and Grab” and “Flash Mob” tactics, they are using highly organized techniques, as well as other violent means and weapons to protect and defend against capture and prosecution.

The Organized Retail Crime Syndicate (ORCS) Course is presented by PGI Subject Matter Experts to include a criminal prosecutor recognized for one of New York State’s long term Retail Theft Cases successes using conventional and electronic means. The course is presented as a step-by-step Complex Criminal Investigation starting with the identification of these groups through the prosecution phase.

## **Topics covered:**

- What are Organized Retail Crime Syndicates?
- Difference between shop lifters and ORCS?
- Terminology associated with ORCS

- ORCS Organizational hierarchy
- ORCS Methods, Tactics and Techniques
- ORCS National Statistics
- Targeted retailers
- Targeted merchandise
- Fencing Operations
- Short and Long-term investigative tactics
- Use of RFID technology in investigation and prosecution
- Dangers associated with Re-packaged, expired, and adulterated ORCS merchandise
- Building probable cause for electronic surveillance
- Investigative steps needed to draft an electronic eavesdropping warrant
- Law enforcement action needed during wiretap investigations
- Operational planning and warrant execution to secure ORCS evidence and targets
- Case and courtroom prep
- Case studies of “Operation Sticky Fingers” and two other recent high-profile examples of dismantling multi-jurisdictional organized retail theft and fencing enterprises.

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**\*\*\* Please read and follow ALL of the instructions \*\*\***

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