



# High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Gulf Coast Training Alert

*No cost to attend*

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## BASIC NARCOTICS INVESTIGATIONS COURSE (3 DAYS)

**WHEN:** October 21-23, 2026 (**Wednesday, Thursday, Friday**)  
Time: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

**WHERE:** Bartlett Police Department (Training Center)  
3730 Appling Road  
Bartlett, TN 38135

**CO-SPONSORS:** Bartlett Police Department

**POST CERTIFIED-** Pending

### **DESCRIPTION:**

During this 24-hour course, investigators will gain practical knowledge of commonly encountered controlled substances, including the hazards associated with substances such as fentanyl. Participants will learn to identify drug paraphernalia, recognize routes of ingestion, and distinguish between users and distributors based on investigative indicators.

The course also provides instruction on the responsibilities of personnel involved in undercover operations, including the undercover officer, confidential informant (CI) handler, case detective/agent, cover team members, and supervisors. Attendees will learn how investigations are initiated, how to develop operational plans, and how to gather intelligence through investigative resources. Additional instruction includes deconfliction procedures, management of undercover funds, CI management and guidelines, required case documentation, and common pitfalls and red flags associated with undercover operations. The course also covers probable cause requirements for search warrants, seizure orders, and related enforcement actions.

As part of the hands-on training, attendees will build paraphernalia props that can be used in undercover operations, agency training, or community outreach programs. All participants will also receive train-the-trainer certification in the use of DetectaChem field test kits.

**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



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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.

**Enrollment:** • <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 "**Basic Narcotics Investigations**" class. **October 21-23, 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.

**Contact:** Please enroll online. If you have any questions or issues with the online process, contact Brian Chambers at 901-378-7706 or [Brian.Chambers@gchidta.org](mailto:Brian.Chambers@gchidta.org).

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