



# Gulf Coast High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Training Alert

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## Advanced Narcotics Techniques Class

### **TRAINING:**

The Gulf Coast HIDTA is proud to provide a two-day Advanced Narcotics Techniques Course:

**WHEN:** Wednesday, August 26, 2026, 08:00AM-5:00 PM

Thursday, August 27, 2026, 08:00AM-5:00 PM

**Location:** I.P. Casino and Resort

**Address:** 850 Bayview Avenue  
Biloxi, MS 39530

### **DESCRIPTION:**

#### *Identifying and Pursuing the Source Before the Next Death Occurs*

Overdoses have become a daily reality in modern policing — but too often, they're treated like medical calls instead of the crime scenes they are. Whether the victim survives or not, every overdose is an opportunity to disrupt the dealer behind the poison.

This course trains officers to treat overdose scenes as the starting point of a targeted drug investigation. It walks students through investigative steps that can quickly identify and pursue the upstream source — often the same supplier responsible for multiple overdoses across a community.

You'll learn how to gather key evidence at the scene, debrief grieving families, analyze phone records, flip cooperating sources, and ultimately build prosecutable cases — even in non-fatal situations. We use real case studies throughout the course to show how these investigations unfold in the real world, and how officers can build momentum quickly before leads go cold.

If you want to turn crisis response into case initiation, and help prevent the next overdose before it happens, this course gives you the tools.



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### **Instructors:**

**Scott Courrege** is a practicing attorney in Louisiana and has been licensed since 2018. Scott's law enforcement career long preceded his legal practice and began in 2000 in Gulfport, Mississippi, where he worked as a uniformed police officer. In 2003, he was hired by the United States Border Patrol as a Patrol Agent and was assigned to the San Diego Sector. Scott quickly was selected for the Sector's elite Air Mobile Unit and received advanced tactical and air assault training. AMU primarily focused enforcement efforts on violent and high-volume border trafficking routes. Scott again progressed his career and in 2006 was hired by DEA as a Special Agent. Scott was assigned to the Phoenix Field Division and worked directly on the international border targeting Mexican drug cartels. Enforcement activities included undercover operations, complex drug investigations, highway interdiction, and Title III wiretaps.

In 2008, Scott was offered a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to oversee international security operations for a private diamond dealer. Never adverse to risk and adventure, Scott took the position and spent the following year coordinating the security and transportation of large sums of currency and arranging for the import/export of Kimberly-certified diamonds. Successful operations were performed throughout Africa and Europe. However, Scott's calling to public services never ceased, and in 2009 he made the hard decision to leave the private sector and moved to Louisiana where he was hired by a large sheriff's office. At the sheriff's office, Scott achieved the rank of Sergeant and held assignments in Uniform Patrol, Community Policing, Special Community Anti-Crime Team (Street Crimes), Narcotics (DEA Task Force), and Training. Scott presently maintains a part-time law enforcement position and spends most of his time developing and instructing training courses, including POST legal aspects, use of force, search and seizure, and narcotics investigations. Scott also independently contracts for policy and procedure development, consults in civil litigation, and testifies as a subject matter expert.

**Tanner Jenkins** began his career in 2007 working for a large sheriff's office in Louisiana after obtaining a bachelor's degree in criminology from Arkansas State University. Tanner has been assigned to Uniform Patrol, Special Community Anti-Crime Team (Street Crimes), SWAT and Narcotics.

As a recognized subject matter expert, Tanner frequently testifies in federal court concerning narcotics trafficking and the use of firearms in narcotics trafficking. Tanner also has testified numerous times in front of legislative committees and worked hand-in-hand with lawmakers to further enhance narcotics sentencing laws. His dedication and performance have earned him several honors, including Detective of the Year (2011 & 2016) and Detective Supervisor of the Year (2022) for his outstanding work in combating drug trafficking.



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### *United States Attorney's Office- Mississippi RICO Training*

This dynamic training aims to provide law enforcement officers additional tools and resources on enhancing their investigation & dismantling of street gangs and other criminal organizations using federal law.

**United States Attorney Scott Leary**  
**Assistant United States Attorney Samuel R. Stringfellow**

#### **Room Reservations:**

**Group Name:** Advanced Narcotics Techniques Class

#### **Online Reservations:**

**Group Link:** [Reserve Your Room](#)      **NARH26C**

To book both nights, guests are required to first click on their arrival date of the 25th, then click on the departure date of the 27th. You cannot go straight to clicking on the departure date, even if the correct arrival date is already highlighted in dark blue. **If you have issues, please call in your reservation.**

#### **Call-In Reservations:**

IP Casino Resort Spa Room Reservations Department (888) 946-2847, press 1 for reservations, identify yourself as being with a group by using Group Name or Code.

**\$89.00 room rate with a \$17.00 resort fee.**

#### **Check-in**

Check in time begins at 4:00 pm and checkout time is by 11:00 am.

#### **Deadline for making reservations:**

Reservations must be made by the Hotel before August 4, 2026. Any unsold rooms remaining in this block will be automatically released on this day and returned to the Hotel for general sale.

#### **Enrollment:**

1. Click on this link <https://www.nhac.org/hidtatrainingcalendar/events/1>
2. Once logged in, select Gulf Coast HIDTA



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3. Then select " **Advanced Narcotics Techniques Course** " class in Biloxi, Mississippi and fill in the online application
4. Select Complete Registration  
Save the application number for further use if necessary

You will receive an e-mail indicating your online registration has been received

**Attendance:** All law enforcement is welcome in this course regardless of assignment.

**Contact:** Please enroll on-line. If you have any questions or issues with the on-line process, contact Tony Sauro at 228.297.2863 or by e-mail at [saurot@gchidta.org](mailto:saurot@gchidta.org)