

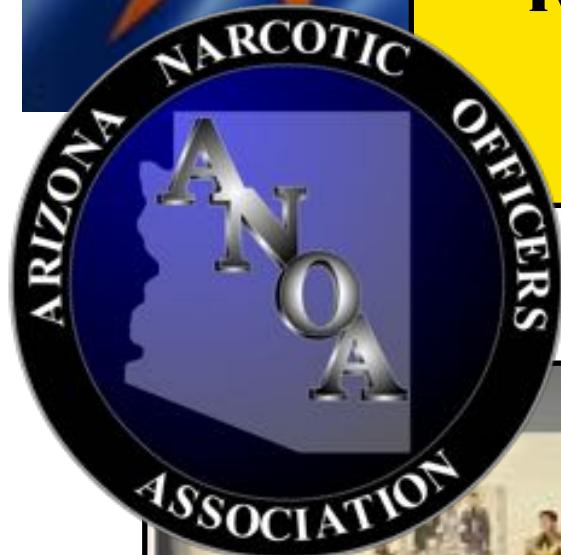
# Phoenix Metro Arizona

By popular demand we are returning to AZ HIDTA!

## “UNDERSTANDING THE MEXICAN CARTELS & ‘NARCO’ CULTURE”

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November 3rd - 6th, 2026



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To effectively counter the Mexican Transnational Organizations (MTCOs), erroneously known as “The Mexican Cartels”, some of which have been reclassified as Foreign Terrorist Organizations (MFTOs) by the United States, understanding their identities and capabilities is crucial, now that they can be seen operating in over 100 countries around the world and in every State in the U.S. The Vigilance Project offers an internationally recognized course designed to facilitate these objectives and enhance your ability to identify signs of activity within your jurisdiction.

During this one of a kind course, we will focus on current trends of drug trafficking used by these organizations, with additional subjects including but not limited to: Anti-Bias Policing, Community Policing, Officer Safety, Marijuana issues, Reclassification of the Cartels into Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTOs), the 6 Mexican FTOs in detail, the “Plaza” system, the “King Pin Approach”, “El Culiacanazo 1.0 and 2.0”, Civil War in Culiacan, the current Fentanyl crisis, growth of Cartel Jalisco Nueva Generación (CJNG), the splintering of the Sinaloa Organization, the Nueva Familia Michuacana involvement with fentanyl production, China and the Cartels, US/Mexico Diplomatic Environment, various geographical areas of interest, case law US. vs. Medina Copete 10th US Appellate Court District of New Mexico, info on the 13 major Transnational Criminal Organizations, case studies of federal and state investigations from undercover operations to traffic stops, the influence of narco-culture on society and social media, plus so much more.

The course will have a heavy emphasis on “Narco Cultura” (Mexican Drug Cartel Culture), which includes but not limited to: “Narco” fashions, up to date symbols and logos used, tattoos, semi-quasi religious beliefs, music including Corridos Belicos, Corridos Tumbados, and Narco Corridos, individual information on the most powerful groups, their splinter groups and their tactics. Officers will also be taught on the difference between “Folk Saints” and “Patron Saints”; and detailed, extensive instruction on the “Narco Saints” will be presented with the use of the **largest** exhibited “Narco shrine” in law enforcement hands, other tools and actual hands-on practical exercises. The class will also cover the rise of Narco Satanism, practiced by various groups and their sicario enforcement groups. But most importantly, officers will be given the tools to recognize possible signs of activity relating to these organizations operating “in plain sight”.

This will benefit **ANY** federal/state/tribal/local investigator, as well as many others in any field of assignment (i.e. CID, Patrol, K9, Interdiction, Detentions, Gangs, Narcotics, Violent Offender Task Forces, Crime Prevention, SRO, Intelligence, etc.), that may encounter signs of innocent cultural beliefs or warning signs of illicit activity. Furthermore, this training has been a valuable asset in investigations ranging from simple interactions with the public to traffic stops, from burglaries and arson investigations to obtaining T3 wire tapping warrants, from double homicide/assassinations investigations and auto theft to a separate mass-murder investigation with seven victims involving the “highjacking” of Santa Muerte. This training **is a must** for all Law Enforcement deployed in our southern border states like CA, AZ, NM, and TX and/or about to be deployed to MX and/or Latin America.

Detective Sgt. Victor Manual Galarza Abizaid, considered a subject matter expert by the 22nd and 13th Judicial Districts in Colorado in narcotics investigations, the Mexican Cartels, their “Narco Culture” and Criminal Interdiction, has been in active service as a Law Enforcement officer since 2011. He is a decorated Detective Sgt., TFO and supervisor of a Drug Investigations Unit in the SW region of Colorado, proudly displaying three Distinguished Service Awards, and a Meritorious Service Award for bravery. He has been recognized as lead Detective in the three largest narcotics investigations in his AOR, which targeted a CPOT and RPOT “plaza bosses”. He possesses an extensive history; being a Mexican diplomat in the U.S., bearing an A-1, and later G-1 diplomatic status; first-hand, and personal accounts regarding these groups dating back to the Guadalajara Cartel; and has investigated members of the Los Zetas, Sinaloa, Golfo, La Familia Michoacana, Tercera Hermandad, and other Transnational Criminal Organizations. His previous experience as a diplomat allowed him to train with the Mexican Navy, Mexican Army, Mexican Estado Mayor Presidencial (or, Mexican Presidential Security Service), as well as other agencies.



This Class is a must for all LEO!

Victor's teachings are POST certified in various states and has been presented since 2014; the courses are ever evolving with current information and intelligence regarding activities, tactics, and trends. The vast information provided is currently being utilized in many active investigations from the border to middle America, and even in Europe. The information has assisted law enforcement officers in criminal interdiction traffic stops, federal and local narcotics investigations, arson investigations, in homicide and even mass murder investigations which also involved the distribution and trafficking of narcotics, as well as auto theft crimes. Victor served as Vice President Region 2 Colorado Drug Investigators Association and has presented in a plethora of other Associations Conferences, including the DOJ's 31st Annual Four Corners Indian Country Conference in August 2024, Arizona Narcotics Officers Association Conference and the Colorado Drug Investigators Association both in 2025, and will be presenting at the Kansas Narcotics Officers Association, Motor Vehicle Interdiction Conference and for Canada's Organized Criminal Conference (just to mention a few) in 2026.

Courses have been presented to thousands of federal, tribal, local, and municipal officers, and government officials in the United States including members of the U.S. Congress and their staff, and the information provided has helped change national policy. Victor's one-day course has been simulcasted to 71 countries, while Victor has also instructed agents of Interpol, Europol, and the Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe while in Montenegro on June 2025. This information is constantly being used by HSI Fusion Center and other federal intelligence organizations and international agencies.



Just some of the investigations in which this material has been used

## Testimonials

“I was visiting with a colleague about your class and how valuable the information is for the current modern day police professional. I came out of the course with a sense of passion for wanting to learn more! So proud to see that someone was finally able to put something like this together - you should be proud of the work you put into the curriculum, and the way you connect everything together. It was truly the best interdiction training I have ever attended in nearly 30 years!! Keep fighting the good fight brother!

Sgt. Lee Coronado, Texas DPS - North Texas Region

“Victor's knowledge of the culture of Mexican Cartels surpasses any other. I have been to many interdiction and cartel classes that teach on a flat level when it comes to “Narco Religious Culture”, but Victor breaks down the history of the religious culture and how it is incorporated into today's cartel world for one of the best teaching techniques I've seen.”

Undersheriff Dennis Garcia, Quay County Sheriff's Office New Mexico

“Just wanted to let you know about a drug case that we just assisted the DEA with in Aurora. We found large amounts of heroin and cash. I was the only one on scene that had any idea of what the majority of the items found at the residence were because of your class!!!! Which was hosted by the CATI on 2021. Thank you for the wealth of information”

Deputy Thomas L Sandoval, Arapahoe County Narcotics Team

“The information you presented went above and beyond what I expected and I came out with a better understanding of the situation that affects not only Colorado, but the nation as a whole.”

(Former) Congressman Scott Tipton, U.S. Congress Third District (CO)

“Victor's personal and professional experience is one of a kind. It is one thing for someone to read information of a PowerPoint, but Victor takes his experience and knowledge to a new level with a “no hold bars.”

Chief Rodney Paris, Logan Police Dept. New Mexico

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The rise of new logos, symbols, information and tactics

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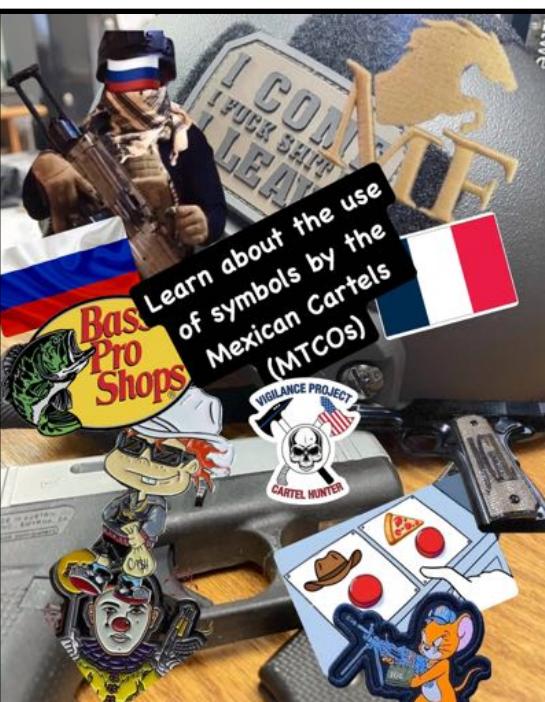
This will fill up quickly! Register Now!

*Arizona Law Enforcement has rated this class as a “must attend” for all!  
from Investigators to Patrol!*

*A part of the funds generated for this event will be donated to ANOA!*



Vigilance Project will take you into today's Cartel World, and help you understand it!



### Venue-

Arizona HIDTA Training Center  
5350 N 48<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 105  
Chandler, AZ 85226

### Cost-

\$550.00 per person for a 4day class

**Tuesday Nov 3rd  
to Friday Nov 6th, 2026  
0800 hours -1700 hours**

**This class is a collaboration between the Arizona Narcotic Officers Association, Arizona HIDTA and the Vigilance Project**

Class is only open for all active LEOs and Government Officials

Register at:

[www.aznoa.org](http://www.aznoa.org)

Registration questions or for invoices please email [training@aznoa.org](mailto:training@aznoa.org)

