

VIGILANCE PROJECT









Mason, Michigan

"UNDERSTANDING THE MEXICAN CARTELS & 'NARCO' CULTURE"



This course covers the complexities of the Mexican Culture in regards to its history, religion, politics, law, traditions, folklore and much more. The Course provides law enforcement professionals, and other investigators the tools to recognize ("indicators") or factors/items of interest of non-criminal activity versus those of criminal activity. Participants will develop a more thorough understanding of the Mexican culture, and as such be able to provide better service to their ever-changing communities. This one of a kind course has been described as a "cultural awareness class on steroids", as it relates to both criminal and non-criminal behaviors.

During this nationally known course, a heavy emphasis will be placed on the "Narco Cultura" (Mexican Sub Criminal Culture), including but not limited to: "Narco" fashions, up to date symbols used, possible signs of activity, 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 un-precedented detailed extensive instruction on the "Narco Saints" will be presented with the use of a large "Narco shrine" (over one thousand items), other tools and actual hands-on practical exercises; which now includes a how-to skill in reading and/or interpreting a multitude of different religious shrines. Get to see probably the largest collection of Narco Cultura items in American law enforcement hands.

It also focuses on current trends and drug trafficking in the U.S., additional subjects including Anti-Bias Policing, Community Policing, Officer Safety, Marijuana issues, Reclassification of the Cartels into Foreign Terrorist Organizations, the "Plaza" system, the "King Pin Approach", "El Culiacanazo 1.0 and 2.0", the current Fentanyl crisis, effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on drug trafficking, growth of Cartel Jalisco Nueva Generation (CJNG), the splintering of the Sinaloa Organization, 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, case studies of CURRENT federal and state investigations and much more.

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, Fire Marshall, 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, to double homicide/assassinations investigations and auto theft to a separate 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 and/or about to be deployed to Mexico and/or Latin America.

Detective Sgt. Victor Manual Galarza Abizaid, considered a subject matter expert by the 22nd and 13th Judicial Districts in the State of Colorado in narcotics investigations, the Mexican Cartels, their "Narco Culture" and Criminal Interdiction. Victor has been in active service as a Law Enforcement officer since 2011. He is currently a decorated active Detective Sgt., Task Force officer and supervisor of a Drug Investigations Unit in the Southwest 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. 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 of the Mexican Cartels, dating back to the Guadalaiara Cartel; and has investigated members of the Los Zetas, Sinaloa, Golfo, La Familia Michoacana, and Tersera Hermandad Cartels. His previous experience as a diplomat allowed him to train with the Mexican Navy, Mexican Army, Mexican Estado Major Presidencial (or, Mexican Presidential Security Service), and various other Law Enforcement agencies.



United Sates Congress Washington D.C.

Victor's teachings are POST certified in multiple states, and have been presented since 2014; the courses are ever evolving with current information and intelligence regarding culture, activities, tactics, and trends, gathered during research trips into various regions of Mexico, the U.S., and elsewhere. The vast information provided is currently being utilized in many active investigations, and has assisted law enforcement officers in criminal interdiction traffic stops, federal and local narcotics investigations, arson investigations, and in seven homicide cases involving the distribution and trafficking of narcotics, as well as auto theft crimes and large federal and state narcotics investigations against these groups. Victor is also Vice President Region 2 Colorado Drug Investigators Association and has presented in a plethora of other Associations Conferences. This is the "Cartel" class you do not want to miss!

Courses have been presented to thousands of federal, tribal, local, and municipal officers, and government officials around the United States; including, former 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 around the world. This information is constantly used by HSI Fusion Center and other federal intelligence organizations.





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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Four day course presented by subject matter expert. Learn from an active highly successful decorated investigator in this one of a kind course www.thevigilanceproject.net









Location-

Ingham County Sheriff's Office 630 N. Cedar St Mason, MI 48854

Limited Space

Cost-

\$260



Aug 6th - Aug 9th, 2024 0800 to 1700 hrs

This highly acclaimed course comes to with the assistance and sponsorship of the Midwest Gang Investigators Association MI Chapter, MAGLOCLEN, Crime stoppers of Mid-Michigan and The Ingham County Sherrif's Office.

Please follow the link attached to register directly with MGIA. Any questions about registering please contact Michael Phillips Phillipsm6@michigan.gov or 906-202-1423.

For questions about the course please visit <u>www.thevigilanceproject.net</u>



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Understanding Mexican Cartels and Narco Culture Registration Form

Ingham County Sheriff's Department in Mason, MI
August 6 - 9, 2024

Training Fee: \$260

Registrations, Payments/Purchase Orders should be directed to: Michael Phillips phillipsm6@michigan.gov / 906-202-1423

within 2 business days of receipt of this form an invoice will be emailed to the email address provided on the form

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