



WRCTC

Western Regional Counterdrug Training Center

The Western Regional Counterdrug Training Center would like to extend an invitation to all members of the Law Enforcement community and security fields to attend its Law Enforcement Training Workshop at the Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort and Spa in Honolulu, Hawaii on August 28-30, 2012.

To register for the courses at the Training Workshop please go to our website www.wrctc.org

For hotel reservations, please call 1-888-421-1442 and refer to the “2012 Counterdrug Training Workshop”. Reservations received after Friday August 3rd, 2012 will be provided for on a space available basis. Prevailing State and Federal Per Diem rates and associated taxes apply to individual reservations when proper identification is presented. Hotel parking charge is \$15 per day for self parking. [Hyatt Regency Waikiki](#)



The internationally recognized Subject Matter Experts, Ed de Velasco and Matt Zucker will provide gang related and Mexican DTO courses at the Training Workshop. We will also include these Courses tailored for Law Enforcement agencies with POST Certification availability:

- Advanced Gang Investigations
- Tactical Interviews
- Drug Investigations
- Informant Recruitment and Management
- Inside Mexican Drug Cartels
- Electronic Evidence Collection / Digital Forensics
- Money Laundering / Illicit Finance
- Targeting
- Open Source Intelligence for Counter Narcotics



BIOGRAPHY OF INSTRUCTORS FOR THE WESTERN REGIONAL COUNTERDRUG TRAINING CENTER

Ed DeVelasco:

As an agent with FDLE, Ed DeVelasco is Statewide Coordinator for Gang Operation and Training. Ed oversees the statewide gang initiative and is a recognized subject matter expert by state court and the Department of Justice. Ed has been involved in investigating and dismantling gangs since 1988. Ed has experience in supervising and investigating all levels of gang crime including gang narcotics investigations, gang homicides, gang robbery and witness protection from gang intimidation. Additional experts in the field of gang investigation will be presenting in this course.

Jason Anderson:

Jason is the Founder of Knowledge Advantage International, LLC (KAI Group). Jason specializes in legal research and the process of collecting, analyzing, and evaluating information sharing and knowledge management systems with an emphasis on the information gathering process from conception to completion. After receiving training from the University Of Washington School Of Law, Jason is pursuing a Ph.D. in Information Science at the University Of Washington School Of Information Studies. Jason holds a Master of Library and Information Science degree from the University Of Washington and works as a research specialist and librarian in the Puget Sound region of Washington State. Jason has developed training curriculum for grant writing workshops that have been implemented throughout various locations within the greater Seattle metropolitan area.

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Eric Apple, TSgt:

TSgt Eric Apple has been assigned to the Washington National Guard Counterdrug Task Force for more than 12 years; for the past 8 years as a digital forensic examiner. TSgt Apple has performed forensic analysis of computer media and mobile devices for local, state, and federal agencies in support of investigations ranging from homicide to cyber stalking. TSgt Apple has taught digital forensics topics and Intel analysis to prosecutors, law enforcement officers, and military members in the U.S. and abroad.

Ryan Lemmers, SSG:

SSG Ryan Lemmers has been a soldier and Middle East analyst for 13 years. He has worked on a variety of terrorism related topics and deployed multiple times. He holds a bachelor's in Middle East Studies from the University of Wyoming and is completing a master's in National Security Affairs from Troy University.

Albert Schoch, WO1:

WO1 Albert Schoch has been a Counterintelligence Agent with the Washington National Guard for the past 12 years. WO1 Schoch has conducted intelligence missions overseas and has worked as a federal background investigator in the US. He has been working with the Counterdrug Task Force for the past 4 years in multiple capacities including as a Criminal Analyst attached to NW HIDTA in Seattle, WA, and as an instructor for the WRCTC. For the past 4 years, WO1 Schoch has also provided intelligence support to the outdoor marijuana eradication operation conducted by the DEA and Washington State Patrol.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Inside Mexican Drug Cartels:

A highly respected Subject Matter Expert will provide an 8-hour course, "Inside Mexican Drug Cartels". The purpose of the Mexican Drug Cartel class is to have law-enforcement and military understand, identify and investigate Mexican Drug Cartel members operating in both Mexico and United States. While attending this eight hour class, students will learn tactics, recruiting techniques, and how these criminal organizations use the social media to get their message out to both the general public and enemies. However, the most important thing a student can take from this class is the importance of officer safety and recognizing when they are in the presence of danger.

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| (1.) Officer Safety | (9.) Social Media and Cartels |
| (2.) Understanding Trans National Criminal Organizations | (10.) Military Grade Weapons |
| (3.) Cartel Violence | (11.) Sicarios (hitmen) |
| (4.) Geography and Cartels | (12.) Tactics of Cartels (roadblocks) |
| (5.) Corruption | (13.) Indicators |
| (6.) Ultra lights | (14.) Patron Saints |
| (7.) Kidnappings | (15.) Narco Corridos |
| (8.) Narco Banners | (16.) Outdoor Marijuana Grows |

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Advanced Gang Investigations (8 hours; Ed deVelasco):

The concepts taught in this course have been used to effectively dismantle organized criminal gangs and take back communities that had been previously controlled by these gangs. The course highlights specialized federal and state investigative techniques and concepts that have been used to successfully dismantle gangs that were previously unstoppable by traditional law enforcement techniques.

Tactical Interviews (4 hours; Ed deVelasco):

It is the goal of this course to familiarize both new and seasoned investigators with the various techniques of conducting interviews to obtain operational information. This is accomplished through learning techniques to develop rapport with the person being interviewed. Techniques for the collection of information that can be used as intelligence or as evidence in a trial will be discussed.

Drug Investigations (8 hours; Ed deVelasco):

The goal of this course is to familiarize the officer, investigator, and analyst with the knowledge to conduct drug investigations to go beyond the street level seller. The course focuses on proven concepts and techniques that effectively investigate and prosecute participants in the drug conspiracy. The course demonstrates how to effectively and efficiently conduct investigations that target the complete drug organization rather than just the street level seller. The course will demonstrate how to use street level buys and seizures into an organizational investigation. Drug Diversion investigations will also be covered. The drug diversion presentation will focus on investigating the supplier of the drugs instead of just focusing on the user. Methods of diversion such as prescription forgery, doctor shopping, faking illness and injuries, will be discussed. Undercover investigative techniques will also be discussed.

Informant Recruitment and Management (4 hours; Ed deVelasco):

The mismanagement of CS's can cause serious liability issues for the officer/investigator and the agency. Misuse of CS's is one of the most common issues to have a case be dismissed or rejected. The goal of this course is to familiarize the officer, investigator, on effective techniques to recruit, manage, and use sources of information. The desired outcome and objective of this course is for officers/investigators to recruit, develop, control, debrief, and document confidential sources. The course will also focus on the potential liability issues when using sources of information. Issues that can potentially involve the office/investigator in disciplinary or criminal issues will also be covered.

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Open Source Intelligence for Counter Narcotics Investigations (8 hours; Jason Anderson):

OSINT essentially is intelligence produced from publicly available information that is collected, exploited, and disseminated in a timely manner to an appropriate audience for the purpose of addressing a specific intelligence requirement. OSINT is distinguished from research in that it applies the process of intelligence to create tailored knowledge supportive of a specific decision by a specific individual or group.

Electronic Evidence Collection / Digital Forensics (8 hours; Eric Apple, TSgt):

This one-day course is intended for law enforcement first-responders and investigators who have no previous digital forensics training. Students will receive guidance for securing and seizing electronic evidence including computers, removable storage devices, and cell phones. Topics covered will include device identification, triage, securing electronic evidence, and more.

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Money Laundering & Illicit Finance (8 hours; Ryan Lemmers, SSG):

Students will become familiar with global terrorist networks and how they cooperate with narco-traffickers to include the different ways in which global terrorist networks transfer money internationally. Students will be also learn about the common money laundering schemes used by global terrorist networks and the enforcement methods used to combat international money laundering and terrorism finance.

Targeting (8 hours; Albert Schoch, WO1)

This course is intended to be a beginner's course designed to provide an overview of targeting individuals, organization and operations; intelligence support to the targeting process understanding the threat; smuggling organizations and functional structure; targeting process discussion; targeting cycle; sources of information; overview of the four steps intelligence preparation of the operational environment; CARVERSHIP analysis; and target packet development.