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# Santa Fe New Mexico



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



**Over 1,200 tangible items brought for you to learn!!**

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/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. The beginning of the course has been described as a “cultural awareness class on steroids”, as it relates to both criminal and non-criminal behaviors.

During the course, a heavy emphasis will be placed on the “Narco Cultura” (Mexican Drug Cartel Culture), including but not limited to: “Narco” fashions, symbols used, and 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 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.

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), China and the Cartels, US/Mexico Diplomatic Environment, and much more.

This will benefit ANY 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 a double homicide/assassination and auto theft to a separate murder investigation with six victims involving the “highjacking” of Santa Muerte.

Detective Victor Manuel 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 Detective and Task Force officer 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 two 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 Guadalajara Cartel; and has investigated members of the Los Zetas, Sinaloa, Golfo, La Familia Michoacana, and Tercera 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 States 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. Victor is also the Cartel instructor for Street Cop Trainings and Vice President Region 2 Colorado Drug Investigators Association.

Courses have been presented to thousands of federal, tribal, local, and municipal officers, and government officials; including, former members of the U.S. Congress and their staff. Victor’s one-day course has been simulcasted to 71 countries around the world.

For more information, search for Victor Galarza on: StreetCop Training Facebook Page

## 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

“As a law enforcement officer devoted to training and educating our police professionals, I absolutely recommend and support agencies who include Galarza’s training in their regimen.”  
Operations Lieutenant, Mountain Village P.D. (CO)

“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” approach to the information.”  
Chief Rodney Paris



Just some of the investigations from 2021 in which this material was used



Santa Muerte Chapel Phoenix AZ 2017



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*This 4 day course by subject matter expert Victor Galarza  
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Over 70 Temples and Shrines to the Occult of the Santa Metro visited



Jan 2022 Research Trip into Mexico



Grave and Shrine of Juan Soldado



“The Iron River” Trafficking of firearms

### Venue-

New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy  
4491 Cerrillos Rd.  
Santa Fe New Mexico  
Classroom 6a & 6b

### Cost-

\$500.00 per student Four Day Class

**March 14th  
to March 17th, 2023  
0800 hours -1700 hours**

Please send letter of intent with attendee’s information and venue of class attending in the form of an email to [vigilanceprojectcourse@gmail.com](mailto:vigilanceprojectcourse@gmail.com), in order to reserve your seat(s). Payment via check must be received (within 15 days of email) to confirm your reservation, and sent to the following address:

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Credit Cards are accepted, please contact us directly. Final day to sign up for this course is TBA - the final day to cancel is March 7th, 2023 (please note, no refunds will be given after said date). Any questions, please email [vigilanceprojectcourse@gmail.com](mailto:vigilanceprojectcourse@gmail.com)