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CDIA 2025 ANNUAL TRAINING SUMMIT MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to Vail, Colorado, and thank you for joining us at the annual Colorado Drug Investigators Association Training Summit. It is an honor and privilege to gather with so many dedicated professionals who share our mission and commitment to advancing drug enforcement efforts across the state and beyond.

This year's summit promises to deliver excellent training opportunities and a variety of events designed to strengthen our collective knowledge and skills. The CDIA Executive Board has worked tirelessly throughout the year to prepare this program, ensuring that we bring together expert law enforcement trainers, inspiring keynote speakers, and diverse breakout course offerings. Our goal is to provide every attendee with meaningful instruction, fresh insights, and the chance to build lasting connections.

We are also excited to host special events that will foster camaraderie and collaboration. I encourage you to join us on Wednesday evening for the Welcome Reception and Intelligence Exchange on The Hythe Resort's Apres Deck—a perfect setting to network and share ideas. On Thursday night, we hope you'll take part in our Charity Corn Hole Tournament, an event that brings us together for a great cause while adding some fun and friendly competition to the week.

We believe that each of you will leave this summit not only with new knowledge and skills but also with stronger professional relationships that will serve you well in the year ahead. On behalf of the CDIA Executive Board, thank you for being here and for the important work you do every day.

Finally, I want to share that this year will be my last as your President. Serving in this role for the past three years has been one of the greatest honors of my career. Together we have built on the proud tradition of CDIA, and I am deeply grateful for the trust and support you have shown me. As I step aside, my hope is that you will continue to thrive as a community of narcotics investigators and that our association will grow ever stronger, adapting to new challenges and leading with the same dedication that defines us all.

Respectfully,



Matt Stoneberger
President
Colorado Drug Investigators Association



***CDIA 2025 ANNUAL TRAINING SUMMIT
AGENDA
The Hythe
Vail, Colorado***

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

2:00 pm - 6:00 pm Early Registration @ Hythe Grand Ballroom Foyer

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

7:00 am - 9:00 am Early Registration- Hythe Grand Ballroom Foyer

9:00 am – 12:00 pm GENERAL SESSION – Hythe Grand Ballroom

- o Call to Order
- o Presentation of Colors
- o Fallen Officers Tribute
- o Opening Remarks
- o VIP Speakers
- o Awards
- o Business Report
- o 2025 Legislative Update
- o What's new with CDIA
- o Conference Overview/ Vendor Recognition

12:00pm - 1:00 pm Hosted Lunch- Grand Ballroom

- o Virtual Elections
- o Vendor Address to Attendees

**1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Keynote Address- Grand Ballroom
"The Six Mexican Foreign Terrorist
Organizations"- Victor Galarza**

**5:30 pm - 8:00 pm Hosted Networking and Information
Exchange- The Hythe Apres Firepits-
Snacks and Beverages provided**

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Thursday, September 11, 2025

7:00 am - 8:00 am Breakfast @ The Hythe Grand Ballroom Foyer

2 Hour Breakout Training Sessions

Psilocybin Mushroom Grows - Kyle Ryan

Salon G-I 1000-1200 & 1500-1700

Colorado Grand Jury and Conspiracy Brian Jeffers & Alison Foley

Salon G-I 0800-1000 & 1300-1500

Exploiting Apple AirTag Networks - Josh Person

Blue Sky 0800-1000 & 1300-1500

Gangs Awareness and Narcotics Cases - Andy Eways

Blue Sky 1000-1200 & 1500-1700

4 Hour Breakout Training Sessions

Supervising High Risk Operations - Joe Beliveau

Salon A-D 0800-1200

TDA Investigation and Overview

Salon F 1300-1700 Matt Ptak

Open Source Intelligence - Dr. Sally Rawlings

Salon A-D 1300-1700

Covert Tracking and Installations - Jim Eberhart

Salon E 1300-1700

Synthetic Opiates and Other Drugs - Bruce Gentner & Nadine Whiting

Salon E 0800-1200

Operational Red Flags for Narcotics Operations - Epi Sevillo

Salon F 0800-1200

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Thursday, September 11, 2025

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

SBF Fundraiser

*SBF Cornhole Tournament and Challenge Coin Exchange
and Thursday Night Football – Grand Ballroom Foyer*

Friday, September 12, 2025

7:00 am - 8:00 am

Breakfast @ The Hythe Grand Ballroom Foyer

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Keynote Presentation

***Behind the line: The life of an Undercover
Agent - Retired ATF Agent Lou Valoze***

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Raffles and Close of Conference

Intelligence Exchange

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The Vigilance Project, specializes in one-of-a-kind courses, which have been presented nationally and internationally for over 11 years. At CDIA 2025, The Vigilance Project will present a 4-hour overview of the Six Mexican Foreign Terrorist Organizations or FTOs, including the organizations operating in Colorado today. This is not your “cookie-cutter” cartel class! This is the course that will take you into today’s Narco World and help you understand it! For more information on the Vigilance Project or to host a training please contact Victor Galarza at <http://www.thevigilanceproject.net>. Now accepting applications for 2026 and 2027 host agencies. Victor’s next presentation in Colorado will be hosted by the Littleton Police Department in March 2026.

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CDIA 2025 ANNUAL TRAINING SUMMIT CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Keynote Presentations

Mexican Foreign Terrorist Organizations and Narco Cultura - Vigilance Project

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Victor M. Galarza arrived in the United States as a Mexican diplomat, first bearing an A1 Diplomatic status while attached to the Mexican Consulate General in Chicago, IL, and later bearing a G1 diplomatic status while attached to the Mexican Permanent Representative and Ambassador to the Organization of American States (OAS) in Washington DC.

During his time as a Mexican diplomat, he trained with various Mexican Military branches and units, including Estado Mayor Presidencial (Mexican Presidential Security Service).

After surrendering his diplomatic status and becoming a legal permanent resident of the United States, Victor was involved in the service industry on the East Coast. Once a citizen, his service industry career culminated in the creation and ownership of a 1.5 million-dollar-a-year in-sales business, The Lost Dog Bar and Lounge in Durango, CO.

Following the successful sale of that business, Victor opted to serve and has been in active service as a Law Enforcement Officer since 2011. He is currently a decorated Detective Sergeant and Supervisor of a Narcotics Investigation Unit, proudly displaying three Distinguished Service Awards and a Meritorious Service Award for bravery. He has been credited with conducting the three largest narcotics investigations in his Area of Responsibility

(AOR), including Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) investigations targeting RPOT and CPOT suspects. Victor is currently the Vice President of the Colorado Drug Investigators Association (CDIA) Region II. Victor has been designated as a subject matter expert in the 22nd and 13th Judicial Districts in the State of Colorado in criminal interdiction, narcotics, narcotics investigations, and the Mexican Cartels, and is now known for conducting large-scale drug trafficking conspiracy investigations.

Victor has presented training on the Mexican Cartels since 2014 to thousands of Federal, Tribal, State, and local Law Enforcement Agencies and Organizations throughout the US, including current and past members of the United States Congress and their Staff. As the expansion of these criminal groups continue around the World, in June 2025 Victor trained Interpol, Europol, The United Nations Office of Drug and Crime, and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), in attendance anti-narcotics units and special prosecutors from Montenegro, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, North Macedonia, Moldova, Romania, Slovenia, Croatia, Greece, Spain, Italy, Turkey, and the United States. Victor presented two 4-hour “breakout sessions” during the Arizona Narcotics Officers Association in July 2025, resulting in the most attended courses of the entire Conference.

Victor’s next presentation in Colorado will be hosted by the Littleton Police Department in March 2026.

Behind the line: The life of an undercover agent...

Join retired ATF Special Agent Lou Valoze for a powerful, firsthand account of life on the front lines of America’s war on illegal narcotics and firearms. In this dynamic and deeply personal presentation, Valoze recounts his career conducting long-term undercover operations targeting violent drug traffickers, firearms dealers, and organized criminal groups. Drawing from years of experience infiltrating dangerous criminal enterprises, Valoze walks attendees through the tactics, risks, and psychological toll of undercover narcotics and firearms investigations.

With gripping real-world case studies and unfiltered insight, Valoze explores not only the operational techniques used to build trust with criminals and gather prosecutable evidence, but also the personal cost of living a fabricated identity—navigating blurred moral lines, emotional isolation, and the constant threat of exposure. Attendees will gain a deeper

understanding of the critical role of undercover work in federal investigations, the importance of team support, and the resilience needed to survive the job—both on the street and beyond the badge.

Lou Valoze is a distinguished author, speaker, and television host, renowned for his pivotal role in undercover operations as a retired agent from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives (ATF). He successfully led operations that resulted in the seizure of hundreds of kilos of narcotics, thousands of illegal firearms, and the arrests of numerous criminals. Valoze's experiences and insights into the challenges of undercover law enforcement are detailed in his book, "Storefront Sting: An ATF Agent's Life Undercover."

Over more than two decades, Valoze distinguished himself as one of the most decorated undercover agents in the country.

Living and working among deadly criminals brought him face to face with the Chicago Mafia, armed narcotics trafficking organizations, outlaw biker gangs, domestic terrorists and international car theft rings, with every moment a razor's edge between life and death. The "storefront" operations he helmed, setting up fake stores that lured in criminals and captured their every move on camera, set the standard for undercover investigations. Valoze earned numerous accolades for his work, including Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer's Award from the United States Attorney's Office, Gun Crime Investigation of the Year award from Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Program, Gang Investigation of the Year award from PSN and Case of the Year Award from the Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF).

He spent the last two decades of his career working in an undercover capacity for long-term, high-profile investigations of home invasion crews, outlaw motorcycle organizations, organized crime groups, murder-for-hire schemes, and conducting storefront operations. Throughout his career he was deployed to various areas in the country to work in an undercover capacity to infiltrate criminal organizations. Valoze once posed as a hit man in a murder-for-hire scheme where a doctor hired him to kill his wife and provided Lou with the gun to commit the murder. Based upon conversations Lou had with the doctor on his undercover cell phone, Congress was prompted to change the federal murder-for-hire statute because of the Supreme Court's decision in that case.

Valoze is the host and producer of “Operation Undercover”, a Discovery Channel series providing an intense and in-depth look at covert operations across the country, highlighting the risks and complexities of dismantling criminal networks. Audiences will gain a profound understanding of the dedication and strategy behind these high-stakes law enforcement missions. Streaming on Discovery, HBO MAX, and Investigation Discovery.

“Undercover work is a game, and the goal is to persuade the bad guy to give you what you want. Successful undercover agents like Lou Valoze are street smart and use common sense, and are great at the game, but they also know just how hard it is to never cross a line.” —**Javier Pena, legendary DEA operative who helped take down Pablo Escobar, and subject of the Netflix hit series Narcos.**

2 Hour Breakout Training Sessions

Psilocybin Mushroom Grows

During an investigation in 2024, the Northern Colorado Drug Task Force encountered a large-scale psilocybin manufacturing and distribution operation which resulted in the seizure of over 1,800 pounds of dried and processed psilocybin mushrooms. As a function of investigative necessity, Instructor Kyle Ryan spent a significant amount of time seeking to understand the laws, culture, and operations surrounding the legal and illicit cultivation and distribution of psilocybin and “natural medicines,” and has since lead or participated in numerous investigations involving psilocybin and other “natural medicines.” Kyle is grateful for the opportunity to share what he’s learned about these investigations and hopes to be able to bring value to any investigators or agencies who are facing psilocybin cases or are seeking to be prepared as associated unlawful activities continue to be more frequently identified around the state.

Kyle Ryan has been a Sheriff’s Deputy in Colorado since 2016 and has been assigned to patrol, general investigations, and narcotics investigations positions. Kyle is currently a Sheriff’s Deputy at the Larimer County Sheriff’s Office and serves as a Task Force Officer at the Drug

Enforcement Administration, Rocky Mountain Field Division. Prior to this assignment, Kyle worked as a Detective at the Northern Colorado Drug Task Force. Kyle has provided instruction on controlled substances and marijuana for Colorado POST academies and has designed and instructed courses on various aspects of narcotics investigations including “natural medicines” to law enforcement agencies in the Northern Colorado region.

Colorado Grand Jury and Conspiracy

This introductory-level training equips law enforcement officers, prosecutors, analysts, and investigators with the knowledge and tools to effectively investigate and prosecute organized crime and drug trafficking conspiracies in Colorado. Participants will gain a comprehensive understanding of the Colorado Grand Jury system, the Colorado Organized Crime Control Act (COCCA), and drug conspiracy statutes, with a focus on how these legal mechanisms can be strategically applied to dismantle organized crime groups and transnational drug trafficking organizations (DTOs).

Through real-world case examples, participants will explore how domestic conspiracies intersect with international DTOs, the investigative techniques required to identify racketeering activity, and best practices for building multi-jurisdictional cases. The course emphasizes collaboration between investigators, prosecutors, and analysts to ensure successful prosecutions and long-term disruption of criminal enterprises.

Detective Brian T. Jeffers brings more than 25 years of dedicated service to law enforcement as a veteran narcotics detective. A proud native of Colorado, he has built his career on protecting communities, mentoring the next generation, and advancing the mission of public safety through leadership and collaboration.

Beyond his investigative work, Detective Jeffers serves as President of the Denver Police Department Brotherhood Board and sits on the Board of the Denver Police Blue Hat Foundation, where he works to support officers and their families. He also contributes at the statewide level as the Region 5 Vice President for the Colorado Drug Investigators Association, helping strengthen partnerships and training for narcotics professionals.

A devoted father of four, Detective Jeffers is deeply rooted in both family and community. He shares his passion for fitness and the outdoors as an assistant cross-country coach at Chaparral High School, while personally pursuing running, cycling, swimming, and nearly every activity that keeps him active in Colorado's outdoors.

Detective Jeffers' career and life reflect his commitment to service, health, teamwork, and purpose—whether on duty, in leadership, or out on the trails.

Alison Foley is a Senior Deputy District Attorney in the Denver DA's Office, where she currently serves as the metro-wide, regional auto-theft prosecutor. Ms. Foley previously served as a senior member of the Organized Crime Unit where she focused on large-scale, complex cases involving narcotics, criminal street gangs, wire-tap investigations, and motor vehicle theft. With over 15 years of prosecutorial experience, Ms. Foley has prosecuted some of the metro area's more complex organized crime investigations, including multiple months long wiretap investigations that have successfully dismantled large-scale, international, fentanyl, other drug, and motor-vehicle trafficking organizations. Her work has resulted in the indictment of dozens of individuals tied to transnational drug networks, including Mexican and Honduran cartels.

Ms. Foley works in close partnership with the Denver Police Department's Major Narcotics Unit, the DEA Front Range Drug Task Force, and federal agencies to actively investigate and prosecute complex narcotics cases. Her collaborative efforts span every phase of enforcement – from dismantling fentanyl manufacturing and pressing operations to building prosecutable cases against organized crime networks.

In addition to her courtroom efforts, she helps shape strategic approaches and delivers specialized training informed by real-time investigative and prosecutorial experience. Her expertise spans COCCA, gang-related violence, transnational auto-theft, and sexual assault investigations, and she regularly trains law enforcement and legal professionals through organizations such as STING, CASCI, CATI, and EVAW.

Prior to her current role, Ms. Foley served as Special Counsel at Hall & Evans, LLC, where she defended law enforcement officers and prosecutors in high-stakes civil litigation. She also spent over a decade as a Deputy District Attorney in Colorado's 1st Judicial District, where she prosecuted violent crimes and led the Sexual Assault Response Team.

Ms. Foley holds a J.D. from the University of Denver College of Law and a B.A. in Behavioral Science from the University of Wisconsin – Madison. She is licensed to practice law in Colorado, Wisconsin, and Iowa.

Exploiting Apple AirTag Networks

This course provides an in-depth exploration of Apple's Find My Network through lectures, demonstrations, and hands-on activities. Students will gain a comprehensive understanding of the network's architecture and technical operations, focusing on the functionality of Apple AirTags. The course will also cover potential security vulnerabilities, examine real-world misuse cases, and discuss strategies for mitigating risks and enhancing user privacy.

The course concludes with a practical workshop where students will build a custom investigative tool using non-Apple hardware to simulate AirTag functionality. This hands-on experience equips students with the skills to analyze and interact with location-tracking technologies responsibly.

Joshua Ray Person, renowned for his portrayal in *Generation Kill* as a sharp-witted Marine reconnaissance specialist during the Iraq invasion, brings over 15 years of hands-on expertise in custom mobile development at SUR TEC to his role as an instructor for law enforcement professionals. Specializing in cutting-edge technologies tailored for high-stakes operational environments, Josh has pioneered solutions in offline finding systems, LoRa networks for long-range low-power communications, RF signal processing, advanced GPS integration, and AI-driven analytics to enhance real-time intelligence gathering and tactical decision-making. His technical prowess equips officers with the tools to deploy secure, resilient mobile applications that support covert surveillance, asset tracking, and data fusion in challenging field conditions, ensuring mission-critical reliability and superior performance in law enforcement scenarios.

Gangs Awareness and Narcotics Cases

This course will provide insight into the structures and practices of criminal gangs, both traditional and hybrid, and their respective involvement in illegal drug operations.

Students of the course will understand the characteristics of both organized and unorganized gangs, common structures of their drug operations, and effective tools and strategies which can be implemented by officers in all capacities of law enforcement.

In addition, the instructor will discuss the importance of establishing and documenting expertise, as well as conducting the intelligence-based investigations necessary to effectively combat gang-related narcotics distribution.

Andrew Eways has over thirty years of law enforcement experience; first with the Maryland State Police and currently with the Aurora, Colorado Police Department.

During approximately seventeen years of service with the Maryland State Police, Eways worked in several fields including Patrol and Field Operations, Criminal Investigations, Organized Crime Investigations, Homeland Security, Criminal Intelligence, and Criminal Gang Investigations. He served in both overt and covert capacities during gang, organized crime, and narcotic investigations.

He also supervised and coordinated covert Title III Wiretaps targeting trafficking by gang members. Eways has presented expert testimony in several gang and organized crime-related cases ranging from drug conspiracies to homicides. He was certified by the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commission, as well as various courts, as a subject matter expert in criminal gangs and specific organized crime groups. He has assisted various federal, state, and local agencies with criminal investigations, enforcement operations and actionable intelligence related to criminal and prison gangs. He has also been called upon to provide training in gang recognition, conducting gang and organized crime investigations, and many other related fields to federal, state and local law enforcement agencies as well as other groups.

He has authored numerous articles about gangs which have appeared in various law enforcement publications, on law enforcement and correctional websites, and online police magazines. Additionally, he has appeared on the Reelz Network documentary Gangsters: America's Most Evil, as well as other documentary and news programs. He also co-authored

two books; *Mara Salvatrucha, Eighteenth Street, and Other Sureno Gangs Across America*, and *Sureno Gangs and the Inland Empire*; both of which are available online through *Police and Fire Publishing*. He is a member of several professional organizations and is the current Secretary of the International Latino Gang Investigators Association, and the president and owner of Blue Line Academy LLC.

4 Hour Breakout Training Sessions

Supervising High Risk Operations

This comprehensive training is designed to prepare law enforcement supervisors—and officers seeking supervisory roles—for the unique challenges associated with leading high-risk operations. Supervisors are often faced with complex decisions in dynamic environments, requiring both operational expertise and the ability to manage personnel under pressure. This course provides participants with practical strategies, proven techniques, and legal considerations necessary to effectively plan, oversee, and evaluate high-risk operations.

Key instruction begins with the supervision of undercover operations, where participants will examine both the tactical and administrative responsibilities of overseeing covert personnel. From managing risk before, during, and after undercover operations to implementing proper operational planning, supervisors will learn how to safeguard officers while ensuring mission objectives are achieved. Instruction also covers the writing, planning, and execution of search warrants, with emphasis on balancing tactical effectiveness and officer safety.

In addition, attendees will explore advanced undercover narcotics tactics, giving supervisors a deeper understanding of the operational realities their teams face. The course stresses the importance of training standards by reviewing minimum training requirements for narcotics agents and units, ensuring supervisors can establish and maintain professional and legally sound operational teams.

Throughout the training, participants will engage in discussions, scenario-based learning, and case study reviews that highlight real-world applications. By the end of the course, supervisors will be equipped with the knowledge to mitigate risks, strengthen operational outcomes, and provide effective leadership in high-stakes environments.

Joe Beliveau began his law enforcement career in June of 1990 with the Illinois State Police. Upon graduating from the Academy, Joe was assigned to patrol where he worked for 9 years as a patrol officer and a drug interdiction officer in the St. Louis Metro East Area. In 1999, he was assigned to investigations where he spent 20 years. Joe has held positions as an agent, supervisor, and director of a 20-man undercover narcotics unit, supervisor of a Meth Response Team, supervisor of a gun unit, and supervisor of a multi-agency proactive street crimes unit in one of the most dangerous cities in the United States. Joe has been involved in thousands of undercover operations involving narcotics, firearms, car thefts, murder for hires, etc. After retiring from the Illinois State Police, Joe worked for the United States Postal Inspection Service out of the St. Louis Metropolitan Office, as the first USPIS Task Force Officer in the country. While working with the USPIS he conducted drug and currency parcel interdiction investigations. In addition, Joe has taught narcotic-related courses to thousands of law enforcement officers across the country. He is also recognized as an expert by Illinois Courts as well as the Southern District of Illinois Federal Court.

TdA Investigation and Case Overview

This four-hour course, provides law enforcement, corrections, and investigative professionals with a comprehensive understanding of Tren de Aragua, one of the fastest-growing transnational criminal organizations in the Western Hemisphere. From its origins inside Tocarón Prison in Venezuela to its rapid expansion into Latin America and the United States, participants will examine how this gang organizes, operates, and embeds itself into communities. This course will cover the 2025 case debrief from a recent case take down.

SA Matt Ptak has been employed by the DEA since 2023. Prior to being employed as a SA by DEA, SA Ptak was a deputy sheriff with the Pasco County Sheriff's Office in Florida. Prior to that SA Ptak worked in the United States Army as a Military Police Officer and Military Police Investigator. SA Ptak's career has been dedicated to narcotics traffic and criminal organizations

affiliated with narcotics trafficking. SA Ptak has spent the last year of his career target Tren de Aragua in the Denver Metro area.

Open Source Intelligence

The internet has moved to the forefront of all of our lives. The internet and social media provide valuable insights into our daily routines and activities. OSINT (Open Source Intelligence) has now become one of the most valuable resources for law enforcement to gain insight into criminal activity, identify relationships between entities, and determine identity resolution of unknown persons. This presentation will examine how to best utilize OSINT information, including mobile device AD ID signals for use in criminal investigations.

Dr. Sally Rawlings worked as a Crime & Intelligence Analyst for Colorado Law Enforcement for 23 years, most of that time assigned to CID (Criminal Investigations Division). She is a certified Law Enforcement Analyst through IACA and a certified Cyber Crime Intelligence Analyst through NW3C.

Sally joined the team teaching the Crime Mapping and Analysis program (CMAP) at the University of Denver in 2003. Since then, she has been an instructor for the Police Foundation, Police Technical, CIA, Noco Analytics, Tiffin University, and the International Association of Crime Analysts (IACA), She has also been invited to speak to the European Association of Crime Analysts (EACA) in Hamburg Germany (2024) and Treviso Italy (2025). Sally is currently a professor in the Crime Analysis Master's program at Arizona State University.

Sally has been a guest on the Law Enforcement Analysis podcast and has been recently published in Police Chief magazine with an article about Data Driven Policing.

Sally has an undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice, a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice and Analysis, and Doctorate in Criminal Psychology.

Covert Tracking and Installations

Covert tracker installations can be highly dangerous for law enforcement. In this course, students will develop the skills necessary to safely conduct covert GPS tracker operations. Topics relating to covert tracker operations that will be presented include, but are not limited to, the following: Overview of GPS History and Technology, Maximizing Results, Troubleshooting and Tips, Benefits of GPS uses for Criminal Investigations, Installations and Deployments, Strategies and Planning, Maximizing Safety, Preparation, Logistics, Tactical Techniques and Considerations, Equipment, Covert Installation Operatives, Cover/Security Teams, Organizing the Investigation, Search Warrants, Report Writing, Filing, and Courtroom Testimony. These topics and multiple others will be discussed regarding the use of covert operations and GPS tracking technology and how to maximize their effectiveness in a criminal investigation to get the optimal results for a safe and successful outcome and prosecution.

Jimmy Eberhart is currently employed with 3Si Security Systems. His primary responsibility, within the company, is to conduct and coordinate training for law enforcement agencies nationwide. Jimmy retired from the California Highway Patrol (CHP) after a thirty-year career. At the time of his retirement, he was assigned to the CHP Southern Division, Investigative Services Unit (ISU), in Los Angeles, where he supervised the Organized Retail Crime Task Force. His prior supervisor assignments included the canine unit, warrant service team, special response team (civil disturbance), street race task force, and patrol sergeant. Early in Jimmy's career, he was a patrol officer before receiving an assignment as a vehicle theft investigator/detective where he then spent the next twenty years. During that span, Jimmy was assigned to the Taskforce for Regional Auto Theft Prevention, the CHP Southern Division ISU/Vehicle Theft Unit, and the Orange County Auto Theft Task Force. Over the years, Jimmy has developed an extensive amount of knowledge regarding criminal investigations, organizations, undercover operations, investigative methods, and has taught courses on multiple subjects and topics to several thousands of law enforcement professionals throughout the United States.

Synthetic Opiates and Other Drugs

This course provides a comprehensive overview of emerging threats in the illicit drug landscape, with a focus on synthetic opioids (e.g., nitazenes and fentanyl analogs), toxic adulterants such as xylazine and medetomidine, and novel psychoactive substances (NPS) including designer benzodiazepines and kratom derivatives. The session also examines clandestine fentanyl production, equipping attendees with practical knowledge for investigation, detection, response, and mitigation.

Bruce Gentner is a Senior Law Enforcement Trainer for 908 Devices. Bruce worked for over 24 years in law enforcement in patrol, narcotics, federal drug task forces, and retired from the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Dept. Bruce worked for 18 years as a case agent and undercover detective and has extensive experience in night club drug investigations, clandestine methamphetamine labs, marijuana grow operations, and fentanyl/synthetic drug operations. Bruce has worked on a HIDTA interdiction and DEA Task Force, as well as with FBI, HSI and Nevada Gaming. Bruce is the Past Executive Director and President of the Nevada Narcotics Officer Association.

Nadine Whiting is a Forensic Chemist II at 908 Devices, working remotely from Boise, Idaho. She holds an M.S. in Biomedical Forensic Sciences from Boston University School of Medicine and a B.S. in Biochemistry from California Polytechnic State University. Nadine supports law enforcement and first responders worldwide through remote data interpretation, sampling consultation, and instrument maintenance. She also leads customer training initiatives and contributes to the development of compound libraries, staying informed on emerging threats reported by forensic agencies and 908's global partners.

Operations Red Flags For Narcotics

This course will provide a preparation overview of undercover work and undercover operations. The workshop will point out the stressors and hazards for narcotic officers, task force agents, plainclothes officers, and uniform patrol who are or may be assigned to specialized units and involved in special enforcement cases. It will emphasize operational

‘awareness’ and ‘red flags’ circumstances before, during, and after an undercover operation and plainclothes unit detail.

The objective is for the undercover narcotic officer to recognize the red flags and danger signs prior to any high consequence event. It is important for the undercover narcotics officer to remember that red flags can appear at any time and to not hesitate to point them out. The workshop will utilize past case studies of previous operations to identify pre-incident indicators of red flags that should dictate an operation to pause, reset or be cancelled to keep undercover officers, informants, and special units safe and sound.

The workshop will stress and remind the undercover officer to continually scan an environment for red flags and be able to recognize potential dangers signs such as people, objects or circumstances that are out of context. The undercover narcotics officer is constantly weighing out “risk vs gain” situations if issues and/or operational concerns should arise.

At the completion of the workshop, the undercover officer will be familiar with team protocol, standards of operating procedure (SOPs), and team communication in-order to make such quick decisions utilizing the concepts, techniques, and principles. Topics discussed in the workshop can be utilized by the officer to apply immediately in the field.

Epi Seville is a retired Special Agent Supervisor and Task Force Commander. He has 34 years of public service, 4 years in the United States Marine Corps attached to a special warfare airborne combat unit and 30 years as a law enforcement veteran. Out of the 30 years, Epi has had 24 years of narcotic, gang, and violent crimes experience. Epi has commanded and supervised numerous multi-agency task forces comprised of local, state, and federal agencies, and California (CA) DOJ special operation teams out of CA DOJ Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement (BNE) and Bureau of Investigation (BI).

Epi has been instructing for over 25 years and has taught over 10,000 students ranging from law enforcement, civilians, and military personnel. He has taught various law enforcement subject matters from defensive tactics, firearms, search warrant service, narcotic/gang cases, active shooter training, leadership in specialized units, to plainclothes safety and officer survival.

Epi has testified in court as an expert witness in numerous narcotic cases and special unit operations. He has also been contracted by numerous local, state, federal agencies, and various state narcotic officers' associations within the nation to instruct and train special units, task force personnel, and their associated members. He has authored articles and curriculum as a subject matters expert (SME) dealing with tactical operations and operational planning that have been used in law enforcement publications and national training courses. Epi has also assisted law enforcement agencies in developing policies and procedures dealing with special unit operations.

Epi is a certified CA Peace Officer Standards and Training (CA POST), Robert Presley Institute of Criminal Investigation (ICI) Core Instructor for the Major Narcotics Investigator Two (2) Week Course. He was the lead core instructor for the Undercover & Plainclothes Operations and was primarily involved in the Informant Management and Development / Surveillance course segments.

Epi is currently an instructor for Louisiana State University (LSU), National Center for Biomedical Research & Training (NCBRT) / Academy of Counter-Terrorist Education (ACE) dealing with active shooter training, tactical operations, and rescue task forces on national and international platforms. He has been one of the lead instructors for the Undercover and Covert Operations Program (UCOP) course at Hawaii HIDTA since 2005. Epi is also the co-owner and managing partner for a law enforcement training company, Tradecraft Training LLC, which is veteran owned and operated.

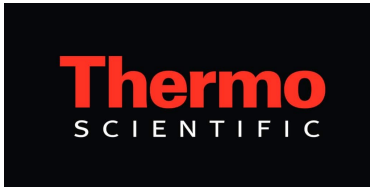
Epi is an active member of the California Association of Tactical Officers (CATO) and an active Lifetime member of the California Narcotic Officers' Association (CNOA). Epi was also the recipient of CNOA's prestigious "Alfred E. Stewart" Narcotics Officer of the Year Award for recipient of CNOA's prestigious "Alfred E. Stewart" Narcotics Officer of the Year Award for 2018.

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