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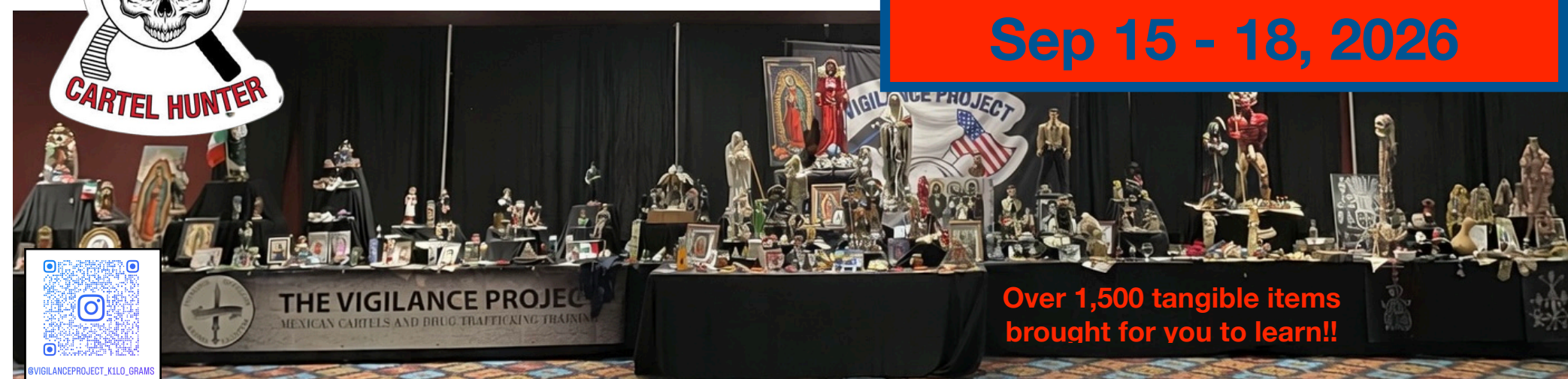
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## “UNDERSTANDING THE MEXICAN CARTELS & ‘NARCO’ CULTURE”



Sep 15 - 18, 2026



Over 1,500 tangible items  
brought for you to learn!!

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

**As reported by the U.S. Dept. of Justice**

**“The Mexican TCOs and FTOs are the biggest Criminal Threat to the United States”.**

During this one of a kind Nationally and Internationally acclaimed course, we will focus on current trends of drug trafficking used by these organizations, with additional subjects including: Anti-Bias Policing, Community Policing, Officer Safety, Reclassification of the “Cartels” into Foreign Terrorist Organizations, the 6 Mexican FTOs in detail, the “Plaza” system, the “King Pin Approach”, decentralization of fentanyl production, the rise of TUSI and other new narcotics, the various specializations of units inside these MFTOs, the current Fentanyl crisis, growth of Cartel Jalisco Nueva Generation (CJNG) and the what is next after the killing of El Mencho, the splintering of the Sinaloa Organization into different groups, the Nueva Familia Michoacana involvement with fentanyl production in Southern States, China and the Cartels, US/Mexico Diplomatic Environment, various geographical areas of interest, case law US. vs. Medina Copete 10th US Appellate Court, detailed up-to-the-minute intel on the 13 Significant Mexican Transnational Criminal Organizations (SMTCOs), groups actively working in the U.S., **current** case studies of federal and state investigations from undercover operations to traffic stops, the influence of narco-culture on society, the weaponization of social media, plus so much more information and intelligence you will not get anywhere else!

The course will have a heavy emphasis on “Narco Cultura” (Mexico’s Sub-Criminal Culture), which includes but is not limited to: “Narco” fashions, past and present symbols, logos, “Cartel” unit patches, tattoos, lingo and definitions, 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 learn the difference between “Folk Saints” and “Patron Saints”; and have detailed, extensive and unmatched instruction on the “Narco Saints”, with the utilization 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. But most importantly, officers will be given the tools to recognize possible signs of activity relating to these organizations operating “in plain sight” throughout the United States and around the World.

**As reported by the LEO-NETWORK**

**“This is the Cartel Class that 100% of attendees have said you must attend”**

This will benefit **ANY** federal/state/tribal/local investigator, as well as others in any field of assignment (i.e. CID, Patrol, K9, Interdiction, Detentions, Gangs, Narcotics, Violent Offender Task Forces, Crime Prevention, Intelligence, etc.), that may encounter signs of innocent cultural beliefs or warnings indicative 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.



Det. Sgt. Victor M. Galarza Abizaid, considered a subject matter expert by the 22nd and 13th Judicial Districts in Colorado in narcotics investigations, the Mexican Cartels, “Narco Culture” and Criminal Interdiction, has been in active service as a LEO since 2011. He is a decorated DEA TFO and supervisor of a DTF in the SW region of Colorado, displaying 3 Distinguished Service Awards, and a Meritorious Service Award for bravery. He has been recognized as lead Detective in the 3 largest narcotics investigations in his AOR, which targeted a CPOT and RPOT “plaza bosses”, recognized as conducting the largest UC buy in SW Colorado worth \$1.1 million in 2026, and credited with seizing \$13 million worth of narcotics in 2025 alone. He has 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 Los Zetas, Sinaloa, Golfo, La Familia Michoacana, H3 and other MTCOs/MFTOs. His experience as a diplomat allowed him to train with the Mexican Navy, Mexican Army, Mexican Estado Major Presidencial (Mexican Presidential Security Service), as well as other agencies.



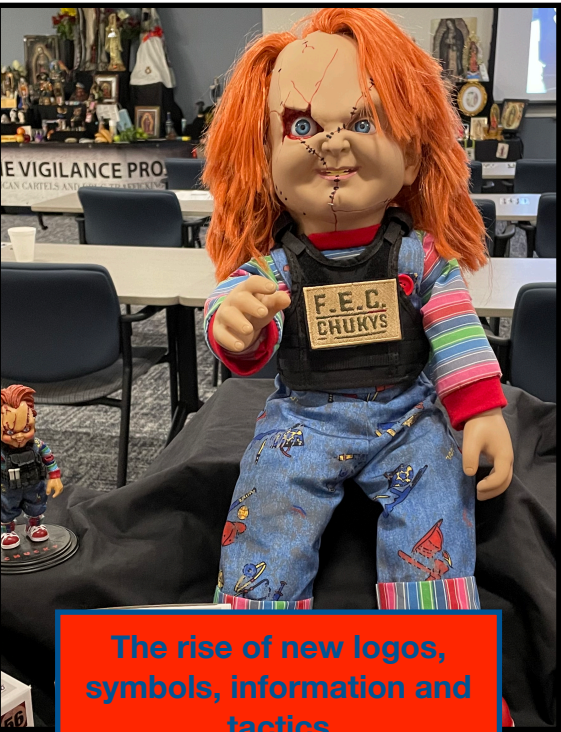
This Class is a must for all LEO!

Victor’s teachings are POST certified in various states and have been presented since 2014; the courses are ever evolving with current information and intelligence regarding activities, tactics, and trends. The information provided is currently being utilized in many active investigations from the border to middle America, and even in Western and Eastern Europe. The information has assisted law enforcement in criminal interdiction traffic stops, federal and local narcotics investigations, arson investigations, in homicide and even mass murder investigations which involved the distribution and trafficking of narcotics. Victor served as Vice President Region 2 of the Colorado Drug Investigators Association from 2022-2026 and has presented in a plethora of other conferences, including the DOJ’s 31st Annual Four Corners Indian Country in August 2024, and will be Keynote Speaker at conferences for the following, Kansas Narcotics Officers Association, MVCI, Canada’s Organized Criminal Annual event, Association of Oklahoma Narcotics Enforcers, the Nevada Narcotics Officers Association and the Arizona Narcotics Officers Association, all in 2026.

Courses have been presented to thousands of federal, tribal, local, and municipal officers, and officials in the U.S. including members of the U.S. Congress. The information provided has even helped change national policy! Victor’s one-day course has been simulcasted to 71 countries, while Victor has also instructed for Interpol, Europol, the Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe and the U.N. Office of Drug and Crime, while in Montenegro in June 2025 and for Canada’s Federal, State, Local anti-organized crime units, while in Ontario Canada in May 2026. The Vigilance Project has now been officially endorsed by the Arizona Narcotics Officer Association, the Iowa Narcotics Officers Association, the Motor Vehicle Criminal Interdiction Association and many more!



Organizational structure, units, alliances and so much more



The rise of new logos, symbols, information and tactics

### Testimonials

“This isn’t Power Point policing. It’s Mexican Cartel focused, street-level intelligence backed by real methodology that holds up in joint task force, federal briefings and courtroom scrutiny. If you want to move past low-level arrests and start dismantling Mexican Cartel infrastructure the right way, The Vigilance Project puts you in a different league.”

K9 Unit/TaskForce Officer AJ Noriega, Sandoval County Sheriff’s Office New Mexico

“The prospective provided by The Vigilance Project has already helped me better interpret intelligence, evaluate behaviors, and understand the motivation behind trafficking organizations operating in the U.S. and throughout the World. The material was practical, relevant, detailed and immediately translatable to improving investigative strategies and officer awareness.”

TFO Ryan Goddard - DEA Detroit Michigan

“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.”

Sheriff Dennis Garcia, Quay County Sheriff’s Office New Mexico

“Victor Galarza has been an exceptional speaker for the Northwest Gang Investigators Association, delivering training that has significantly strengthened the capabilities of public safety teams across the region. His deep, firsthand knowledge of lethal drug Trafficking organizations operating throughout the Northwest, combined with his ability to translate complex criminal dynamics into practical, actionable instruction, brought extraordinary value to our investigators, analysts and frontline personal. His contribution remains one of the most impactful training experiences our association has hosted.

Chief Brad Richmond, Airway Heights Police Dept. Washington and President NWGIA

“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)

“If you want a deeper understanding of Mexican Cartels this is the class for you. As a federal agent, the course material has assisted many of my activities and investigations against these groups activity operating throughout the U.S. and the World. I have taken this course twice and I highly recommend the Vigilance Project to all Law Enforcement.”

Special Agent Victor Avila, HSI Albuquerque New Mexico

“Probably the best and most informative training I have attended in years. Helps you understand the true meaning within Narco Cultura and the inner-workings of the Mexican Cartels. Working in the Arizona/ Mexico border, this training has given us the ability to identify individuals on this side of the border that are directly connected to the Cartels. Highly recommender!!!”

Det. L. Mora, Pinal County Sherif’s Office Arizona, Anti-Smuggling Unit

For more reviews check out our 100% recommended rating at [leo-network.com](http://leo-network.com)





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### Field-proven:

<https://www.the-journal.com/articles/montezuma-cortez-narcotics-team-seizes-13-million-in-drugs-in-2025/>



**Training without application is useless; street work without understanding methodology is reckless. The Vigilance Project is a force multiplier designed to help you stop guessing about possible Mexican Transnational Organizations and their illegal activities, and helps you begin dismantling their organization. This is operational knowledge from today, backed by valid, current intelligence, being used in successful state and federal investigations. If you are ready to move past the “guessing work” and start identifying, infiltrating, and destroying the organizations operating in your jurisdiction, this course puts you in a different league.**



### Venue

1976 Industrial Park Rd.  
Room C  
Conway, SC 29526

### Cost

\$650.00 per person for a 4 day class

**Tuesday Sep 15 - Friday  
Sep 18, 2026  
0800 hours -1700 hours**

Please send a letter of “Intent to attend” including your name, rank, agency and venue of interest, in the form of an official agency email to [vigilanceprojectcourse@gmail.com](mailto:vigilanceprojectcourse@gmail.com) to reserve your seat(s); once received additional information will be sent to you. Payment by check, must be received within 15 days of email to confirm your reservation, and sent to the following address:

The Vigilance Project LLC.

35 S. Beech St. Unit #836, Cortez, Colorado 81321

Credit Cards are accepted - please contact us directly. Final day to sign up for this course is *TBA*, and the final day to cancel is Sept 1st 2026 (please note, no refunds will be given after said date).