



## “Mexican Cartels and Their Violence”

Monday, August 29, 2016 through  
Tuesday, August 30, 2016

US Customs & Border Patrol Station  
9149 State Highway #44  
Corpus Christi, Texas 78406

The Texas Narcotic Officers’ Association in conjunction with the DEA-Houston Field Office and the Regional Counterdrug Training Academy (RCTA) will sponsor a 16-hour hour class entitled **“MEXICAN CARTELS AND THEIR VIOLENCE”** in Corpus Christi, Texas. Registration is OPEN, so reserve your spot as soon as possible through RCTA at [www.rcta.org/register/register.html](http://www.rcta.org/register/register.html). TCOLE credit will be given for this course.

Check in will begin at 0715 hours and the class will start promptly at 0800 hours on Monday, August 29, 2016, at the US Customs & Border Patrol Station, 9149 State Highway #44, Corpus Christi, Texas 78406.

This two-day course is designed for Law Enforcement professionals tasked with the identification, disruption and dismantling of large scale trafficking organizations and has been designed based on current trends and extreme violence occurring within the border regions of Mexico and the United States. It is imperative that we arm investigators with a basic understanding of Drug Cartels and how they operate. During this course, students will receive training to include the history, components, influence, and methods of operation in use by drug cartels today. The training will also provide investigators with basic tools that can be used to gather intelligence in furtherance of criminal investigations as they relate to drug cartels.

“Mexican Cartels and Their Violence” training will include, but not be limited to: • Introduction to Drug Cartels • Drug Cartels Influence on Government • Cartel Membership • Methods of Operation • Cartels at War and Why • Cartel Enforcement Components • Intelligence Exploitation for law Enforcement.

This is a tuition **FREE** course and is open to all law enforcement officers. To register you must have an agency point of contact register your agency with RCTA who will then be responsible for registering individual officers for the course. Please go to [www.rcta.org/register/register.html](http://www.rcta.org/register/register.html) for the registration process.

Any questions regarding this course or registration should be directed to Special Agent Arthur Hitchins at 713-693-3699 or [Arthur.M.Hitchins@usdoj.gov](mailto:Arthur.M.Hitchins@usdoj.gov) and TNOA State Training Officer Jerry McClain at 281-808-5929 or [jmccclain@houstonhidta.net](mailto:jmccclain@houstonhidta.net) or TNOA South Region Coordinator Joey Aguilar at [jaguilar0297@missionpolice.org](mailto:jaguilar0297@missionpolice.org).