



MIDWEST COUNTERDRUG TRAINING CENTER

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MEXICAN CARTELS AND CULTURE

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REGISTRATION

Registration is restricted to local, tribal, state, federal, and military law enforcement officers.

THERE IS NO COST TO ATTEND THIS COURSE.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course is designed to increase the student's knowledge and awareness of Mexican Cartel influence and their trafficking activities.

Students learn the history of cartels in a past-to-present manner. Students gain a better understanding of how and where cartels operate and whom they partner with to carry out illicit activities. In addition, the course details the culture surrounding cartels and their associates to include music and spiritual influences.



**FULL COURSE
DESCRIPTION**



TOPICS INCLUDED

- History of cartels
- Current cartels
- Territory of Cartels
- Associated criminal elements (gangs) in Central and North America
- Political influence of cartels
- Criminal enterprises of cartels
- Naloxone/Narcan employment
- Narcocorridos (Music of the Cartels)
- Patron Saints
- Brujas (Witches) and Curanderos (Healers)
- Spiritual and religious influences