



California Narcotic Officers' Association

Presented by CNOA Region V and the Counterdrug Training (MCTC)

The Culture, Saints, & Music of the Cartels and Gangs

Thursday, April 4, 2024

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

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THIS COURSE CONTAINS
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This fast-paced course will begin with a brief overview of the History of the Cartels and the current cartels, focusing on the two most powerful cartels impacting the United States: The Sinaloa Cartel and the New Generation Cartel (CJNG). There will also be a discussion on Mexican Cartel-Related murders in the United States and how the Cartels are working with different gangs in the USA.

The course will delve into the culture, beliefs, and music of the Mexican Cartels and Gangs. Drug and human traffickers, gang members, jail inmates, and others involve their culture, saints, and music in their criminal activity for protection from law enforcement and a favorable outcome in a court case. Cockfights, horse races, and rodeos are a part of the Mexican Cartel culture, where drug dealings and drug negotiations occur. There is also music known as "Narcocorridos" that glorifies the Mexican Cartels and their violence. Information will be provided on the meaning and purpose of the music, as well as the musicians performing the music throughout the United States. There will be a discussion on how to use this information to assist in conducting Mexican Cartel Investigations.

INSTRUCTOR

Robert Almonte

Robert was appointed the United States Marshal for the Western District of Texas in 2010, serving until 2016. He had previously retired from the El Paso Police Department after 25 years and retired as a Deputy Chief. As the Deputy Chief, Robert oversaw the Major Crimes Bureau, which included the Homicide Unit, Crimes Against Persons Unit, and the gang and narcotics units. Robert was assigned to the Narcotics Unit for 13 years, where he worked as a detective, conducting undercover work, as well as a Supervisor of the Street Crimes Unit and the Major Crimes Unit, and seven years as the Narcotics Commander. Robert is recognized as an expert on Mexican Cartels. He has been interviewed by "Good Morning America", Fox and Friends, NBC News Today, The New York Post, The Washington Post, and International News Outlets. Robert continues to conduct extensive research on the Mexican Cartels by going into Mexico and conducting ride-alongs with different law enforcement agencies on the border. Robert has consulted for several prosecutors and law enforcement agencies regarding Mexican Cartel and Gang-related homicides in the United States.

LOCATION

Fontana Steel Workers Auditorium
8437 Sierra Ave Fontana, CA 92335
Park under or south of the Lewis Library & Technology Center.

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COST

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