



# Mancos Marshal's Office and the Town of Mancos (CO)

Will be Hosting

## THE VIGILANCE PROJECT

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



“Narco Shrine” at the Fishers Police Dept. in Indiana June 2019

This course covers the complexities of the Mexican Culture in regards to its history, religion, politics, law, traditions, folklore and much more. The Course provides law enforcement professionals and other investigators, the tools to recognize indicators of non-criminal activity versus those of criminal activity. Participants will develop a more thorough understanding of the Mexican culture, and as such be able to provide better service to their ever-changing communities. The beginning of the course, has been described as a “cultural awareness class on steroids, as it relates to criminal behaviors vs. non-criminal behaviors.”

A heavy emphasis will be placed on the “Narco Cultura” (Mexican Drug Cartel Culture), including but not limited to: Mexican identification documents, “Narco” fashions, symbols used, and individual information on the most powerful groups and their tactics. Officers will also be schooled on the difference between “Folk Saints” and “Patron Saints”; and detailed, extensive instruction on the “Narco Saints” will be presented with the use of a large “Narco shrine”, other tools and actual hands-on practical exercises; which now includes a how-to skill in reading and / or interpreting a multitude of different religious shrines.

The course also focuses on current trends and drug trafficking in the U.S., as well as additional subjects including Anti-Bias Policing, Community Policing, Officer Safety and Marijuana issues. This will benefit ANY investigator and others (in any field of assignment) who may encounter indicators of innocent cultural beliefs and possible warning signs of activity. Furthermore, this training has been a valuable asset in investigations ranging from simple interactions with the public to traffic stops, and from burglaries and arson investigations to a double homicide/assassination.

For additional information please go to

[www.thevigilanceproject.net](http://www.thevigilanceproject.net)

This course has been presented since 2014, and it's ever evolving with current information, including new visits in Fall 2019 to sites in Mexico: "Tepito", in Mexico City (which is the heart of the Santa Muerte following), Mercado de Sonora; known as the *Mexico City witch market*, San Hipólito; the National shrine for San Judas Tadeo, and Virgen de Guadalupe's shrine; as well as, interviews with healers or "curanderos," and much much more.

The course has been presented to thousands of Officers and Government Officials in the United States including Federal, Tribal, Local, and Municipal agencies; as well as current members of the United States Congress and their staff.



United States Congress Washington D.C.

### **About Lead Instructor Victor Manuel Galarza**

This training features the experience and expertise of Victor, who is considered a subject matter expert by the 22nd and 13th Judicial Districts in the State of Colorado. Victor is in active service as a decorated POST Certified Law Enforcement officer in the Southwest Region of Colorado, where he is a Narcotics Detective, who also specializes in Criminal Interdiction. Victor attended St. John's Military Academy, Loyola University and Fairleigh Dickinson University. He was a Mexican Diplomat in the United States, bearing both an A-1 and later a G-1 Diplomatic Status in the U.S. Victor possesses first hand accounts in regards to the Mexican Cartels, dating back to the Guadalajara Cartel, and has investigated members of Los Zetas, Sinaloa, Gulf, La Familia Michuacana, and La Tercera Hermandad. Victor has trained with the Mexican Navy, Mexican Army, German Army, U.S. Army, Mexican Estate Major Presidential (Mexican Presidential Security, now disbanded) and various other U.S. Law Enforcement Agencies.

### **Testimonials**



Santa Muerte Chapel Phoenix AZ 2017

"Very knowledgeable course, in-depth information that can help save law enforcement lives. I would highly recommend this course to L.E. Victor was an incredible instructor."

Chief A. Flores, Milliken Police Dept. (CO)

"For the 1st time, even as a Mexican-American officer, I now understand the culture and the occult of the Santa Muerte. Outstanding!"

Aurora Police Dept.(CO)

"Great Education. Puts together the lifestyle and how it fits the drug trafficking cartels ."

Special Agent, F.B.I.

"As a law enforcement officer devoted to training and educating our future police professionals, I absolutely recommend and support agencies who include Galarza's training in their regimen."

Operations Lieutenant, Mountain Village P.D. (CO)

"The material presented regarding "Narco-Cultura" that Galarza has generously shared with us is second to none...gives an accurate and sobering view of the dangers that officers in all parts of the country may have to encounter at some point."

Special Agent, Dept. Homeland Security

"The information you presented went above and beyond what I expected and I came out with a better understanding to the situation that affects not only Colorado but the nation as a whole."

Congressman Scott Tipton, U.S. Congress Third District (CO)

"The course provided expert information that not only relates to law enforcement and public officials, but goes further to our elected officials in State and Federal Government. In fact, it is my professional opinion that those elected officials should take this course prior to making any decision related to Homeland/Border security."

Chief Anderson, Brush Police Department (CO)

"This training is truly like none other I have attended while in Law Enforcement, even being from Mexico.....The material and experience that Victor Galarza taught in the class were second to none."

CID Detective Cesar Rodriguez, Fishers Police Dept. Indiana

**Limited Space  
sign up ASAP!**

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***This 4 day course includes a detailed presentation by subject  
matter expert Victor Manuel Galarza, and much more!!***

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Plaza de las Tres culturas, Mexico  
City, Mexico Oct 2019



Shrine to the Santa Muerte, Oaxaca,  
Mexico Nov 2019



El Mercado de Sonora "Mexico  
City's Witch Market" Mexico City  
Oct 2019



"La mata policia" or "the cop killer"  
Montezuma County Colorado 2019

### Venue-

Mancos Community Center  
128 Grand Ave. Mancos CO 81328

### Cost-

Only \$350 per person for the 4 day class:  
56 person limit

**July 20  
to July 23, 2020  
0800 hours -1630 hours**

Please send letter of intent, with attendee's information and venue of class attending, in the form of an email to [vigilanceprojectcourse@gmail.com](mailto:vigilanceprojectcourse@gmail.com), in order to reserve your seat(s).

Payment via Agency 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

The final day to sign up for this course is TBA - the final day to cancel is July 20, 2020 (please note, no refunds will be given after said date). Any questions, please email

[vigilanceprojectcourse@gmail.com](mailto:vigilanceprojectcourse@gmail.com) or Town Marshal Justin Goodall at

[jgoodall@mancoscolorado.com](mailto:jgoodall@mancoscolorado.com)