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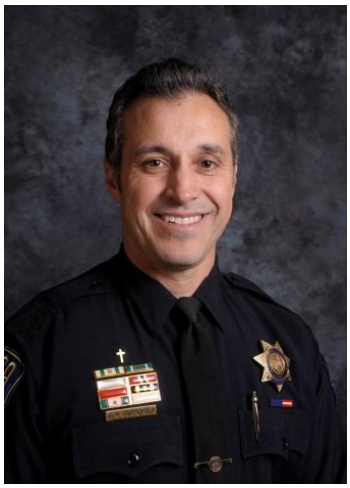

Background Summary

Born to immigrant parents, Jesse Guardiola beat the odds of gangs, poverty and abuse by the grace of a mentoring elementary teacher, public school coaches and a watchful Pastor. Through perseverance, Jesse was the first in his entire extended family to graduate middle school, high school, college and to earn his master's degree. [A Criminal Justice Degree from New Mexico State University and a master's of science in Teaching, Learning and Leadership from Oklahoma State University (summa cum laude).]

Jesse, a Senior Tulsa Police Officer, with almost two decades of experience, holds three roles with the department: (Hispanic Outreach Director, Department Recruiting Coordinator and Academy Instructor). His years of service for the Department and his personal background have given him insight into the needs of the Hispanic community; from which he developed a nationally recognized Hispanic Outreach Program.*

In recognition of his efforts he's been honored by a U.S. Congressman for "Outstanding & Invaluable Service to the Hispanic Community." He was nominated by a U.S. Senator to represent the State of Oklahoma, in Washington DC, for a National Hispanic Summit. Tulsa's Mayor and the Chief of Police commend him for diligently working to bring a fearful Latino community out of the shadows. He was named "Officer of the Year" by the Rotary Club of Tulsa.

Jesse is currently partnering with the private and public sector; helping law enforcement, businesses, social services, first responders, school systems and legislative bodies better deal with the changing landscape of diversity.

**-2012, The Tulsa Police Department was selected from a nationwide search to participate and present on Guardiola's - Hispanic Outreach Program. The Vera Institute of Justice funded by a Department of Justice (DOJ) grant, selected Tulsa, out of 350 police departments nationwide, to present on promising police-immigrant relations practices. Officer Jesse Guardiola was invited to New York City to share his ideas in a national report that is being studied and promoted as a national model. Ofc. Guardiola created the six-component program to help combat the large under-reporting of crime in the Hispanic Community, to increase officer and civilian safety, to educate the community on the Immigrant Culture and to build strong relational bridges with the Hispanic community.*