



**Dr. Hector R. Garcia**

Hector R. Garcia holds a doctorate degree in the Organizational Leadership discipline from Argosy University. Hector also holds a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice Administration and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from Lynn University and Florida Atlantic University respectively. Hector is a graduate of the Southern Police Institute's Command Officers Development Leadership Course facilitated through the University of Louisville. He is also a graduate of the FBI Southwest Command College. Dr. Garcia recently served as the Director of the School of Justice for Miami Dade College (FL). Miami Dade College is the largest institution of higher education in the United States. As Director of the School of Justice, Dr. Garcia was responsible for the leadership of the law enforcement, fire, corrections, and private security training and certification programs, the college-wide criminal justice and environmental sciences academic programs (Associate and Bachelor's levels), and the law enforcement and fire science assessment center. He has also served as a Chief of Police on three separate occasions. Dr. Garcia currently serves as a Police Major for where he oversees the police department budget, training, fleet, law enforcement accreditation, property and evidence functions and all legal matters.

Hector currently serves the International Association of Chiefs Of Police as Secretary for the Juvenile Justice and Child Safety Committee and also served as a member of the Police Administration Committee and Civil Rights committees. Hector also has served the National Association Of Chiefs of Police as the national Vice President for the Campus Police section. Hector has appeared on CNN, Headline News and local network television programs as an expert commentator on criminology, crisis incidents and planning. Hector has also appeared on the Univision International television network and CNN International En Espanol where he provided his expertise on a variety of criminal justice issues as a criminologist. He appeared live on Anderson Cooper 360 where he was interviewed by Mr. Cooper regarding perspectives following the Newtown School Massacre. Dr. Garcia has trained thousands of law enforcement and civilians in emergency management, criminal justice, leadership, school safety and security topics.

Dr. Garcia is an adjunct faculty member in the criminal justice and security program at the University of Phoenix where he facilitates both graduate and undergraduate criminal justice and security courses. He also serves as a subject matter expert drafting and revising courses and as a member of the Academic Council for the University of Phoenix.

Dr Garcia has worked with numerous international partners (China, Brazil, Spain, Colombia, Trinidad and Tobago, Curacao, St. Maarten, Honduras, Chile, Bahamas, and Santo Domingo) in the development of public safety initiatives, strategic planning, community policing and law enforcement administration/leadership programming. Hector is credited with designing and implementing the first successful national community policing initiative in St. Maarten in 2012.

Dr Garcia is currently working with the US Department of State as a Police Advisor in the Kingdom of Morocco and in Guatemala to further democratic policing principles in those two nations. He is considered an international expert on leadership, criminal justice, safety and crisis management disciplines.