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Abstract: Robert Gracia

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Robert Gracia joined Rosenberg's police department in 1980 as a dispatcher. He rose through the ranks to become the city's Police Chief at age 32. As he explains in this interview, Robert viewed his career in law enforcement as a calling. That principle molded his leadership and resulted in the department's remarkable success during his tenure.

Robert's interview also covers his thinking on the mission of an effective police force, recruitment of top-quality personnel, and the critical importance of good community relations. Many county residents take local law enforcement for granted and undervalue the commitment and effort needed to maintain a safe and secure community. Robert's interview should raise public understanding and appreciation of local law enforcement.

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Interview Summary

People

Family

Olga DeLeon Gracia, wife
Robert Brian Gracia, son
Steve Michael Gracia, son
Marissa Lauren Gracia, daughter
Joe Zavala Gracia and Janie Galicia Gracia,
parents
Joe Richard Gracia, brother
Ray Gracia, brother
Rebecca Gracia Nimmons, sister
Juanita Guerrero Martinez, great-
grandmother
Martina Martinez Gonzales, maternal
grandmother

Mayors of Rosenberg

Dr. Larry Wilkinson
Lupe Uresti
Dorothy Ryan
Joe Gurecky
Vicente Morales
Bill Benton

Memorable People

Carol Reese, Victim Assistance Coordinator,
Rosenberg Police Department
Harry Wright, A. W. Jackson football coach
and principal of B. F. Terry High School
Terry Vela, City Manager, Richmond, TX

Activities / Projects

Developing community relations with NAACP and
LULAC
Reducing crime in downtown Rosenberg
Developing Victim Assistance Coordination unit
in Rosenberg Police Department
Training at Federal Bureau of Investigation
Academy in Quantico, VA

Places / Businesses

A. W. Jackson School
Lamar Consolidated High School
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic School
Travis Elementary School
Wharton County Junior College
K-W Industries