Edward Chavez Law Enforcement Experience

I began my Law Enforcement Career late in life with Pharr Police Department back in November of 2010. I went from a Patrol Officer and quickly became a Field Training Instructor/Officer to newly hired Officers. While working as a Patrol Officer, I began to assist the Department with monitoring and registering individuals who were required to register as Sex-Offenders in the State of Texas. This allowed me to transition into Investigations to compile and document cases against those Sex-Offenders who were in violation of Texas Criminal Code of Procedure, Chapter 62.

 In working those cases I also began to create networks with other Municipal, County, State and Federal Law Enforcement Agencies which allowed me to further my reach in working different cases.

At the end of 2013, I was assigned to the Pharr Police Criminal Investigations Unit where I continued my work as the only person assigned to Sex-Offender duties and continued with monitoring, registering, investigating, and documenting cases for those Sex-Offenders in violation. I also became the only person assigned white collar crime cases. Through my time with Pharr Police Department, I have worked both misdemeanor and felony cases which have ranged from property crimes to drug offenses as well as crimes against persons cases such as Home Invasions, Homicides, Sexual Assaults, and Involuntary Manslaughters.

In November 2017, I had the opportunity to take on the assignment of Assistant-Chief of Police and my area of supervision was over all the Support Services for the Department that included our Communications Division, the Criminal Investigation Division, the Training Division, the Records Division, the Community Engagement Division, and our Special Response Team (S.W.A.T) including our Crisis Negotiators Team.

During my time as Assistant-Chief of Police, I assisted the Police Chief with implementing new projects such as new sidearms, adding new technology in body cameras and in-car dash. We also became the only Law Enforcement Agency south of San Antonio to earn the FBI-LEEDA Trilogy Award for having all first line and command staff civil service supervisors complete the FBI-LEEDA Command, Supervisor and Executive Leadership Training Courses. FBI-LEEDA (Law Enforcement Executive Development Association) promotes leadership education in Law Enforcement. Under my time I also assisted in beginning the process to move the Department in becoming CALEA Accredited (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) which the Department is still in the process of completing.

We enhanced relations with our Federal Partners to increase Task Force Officers assigned to them. We also enhanced our relations with Hidalgo County Sheriff’s Office as well as participating in the regional TAG (Texas Anti-Gang) Unit in McAllen, Texas.

The biggest project I have participated in under my time in Law Enforcement was in implementing and completing the creation of a separate Communications Building which is now separate from the Department. This included establishing an independent Records Management System through Tyler Technologies. I also leave a little history behind with the City of Pharr and the Pharr Police Department in the creation of a new and one-of-a-kind Department Shoulder Patch and Badge for the Departments rebranding.

I was able to assist the Department in implementing and upgrading equipment and technology while being fiscally sound which allowed the Department to come in approximately one-million dollars under budget for fiscal years 2018, 2019 and 2020. Under my watch the Department also increased our seized assets accounts through forfeitures on cases that our Task Officers took a larger role in investigating while working with Federal Partners.

 In September of 2020, I was reassigned back to the Investigations Unit where I resumed my role in overseeing the Texas Sex-Offender Registry for the City of Pharr as well as working white-collar crime cases.

I have continued working a broad scope of criminal cases from Home Invasions, Homicides, Manslaughter cases, Sexual Assault cases, Sex-Offender Non-Compliance cases as well as embezzlement/fraud cases.

I have logged over 3,000 hours of training approved by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement, and some of my certifications and training include currently holding an Advanced Peace Officer Certificate, Basic Criminal Investigation Training, Background Investigation Training, Interview and Interrogation Training, Field Training Officer Course and Basic Instructor Proficiency Course. Some of my specialty trainings include Death and Homicide Investigations, Investigation and Prosecution of Strangulation Cases and Active Shooter Response Training as well as Leadership/Management Trainings.

Prior to my Law Enforcement career, I worked in the mortgage industry starting in the year 2000 as a Loan Processer, Loan Officer and eventually moved into Management of a Mortgage Company. I also was self-employed and operated a commercial construction company. I believe my experience in the mortgage industry allowed me to effortlessly move in working as a Law Enforcement Officer.