

Max Garces

Max Garces is a Senior Investigator assigned to the Homicide Division of the Fresno County District Attorney's Office in Fresno County, California. As a working law enforcement officer in one of California's toughest areas, he understands the challenges today's officers face.

Max began his career of service by serving in the United State Marine Corps Reserve and was activated to full time duty during Operation Desert Storm. Upon his return in 1991, Max became a Police Officer with the Woodland Police Department in California. After 10 years with the Woodland Police Department Max moved back home and joined the Clovis Police Department (CA) where he was promoted to the rank of Corporal and retired after another 19 years at Clovis PD. Max's previous assignments include Crisis Negotiations, Investigations including Homicide, Gangs, Property and Persons crimes, and Computer Crimes. Max honed his skills and became an instructor in Criminal Street gang investigations, Hostage Negotiations and Interview and Interrogations.

Max was awarded the Medal of Merit for a complex Murder Investigation involving a quadruple murder in Clovis in 2005. The case involved a dope rip that involved cartel members being kidnapped and murdered by another cartel. The investigation uncovered a group committing these same types of crimes throughout the United States.

Max currently teaches for Savage Training Group and has been a crucial part in developing the California POST approved class in Science Based Interviewing.

Max hopes to "pay forward" all the advice and mentorship that so many senior officers shared with him throughout the years. He cares deeply about sharing knowledge that will help officers have a positive and rewarding career that meets the ever-changing requirements of our society.