Nicholas L. Guasto is a seasoned law enforcement professional with nearly two decades of distinguished service in policing, investigations, and training. Currently serving as a Police Officer with the Miami Beach Police Department, Officer Guasto brings a wealth of experience in tactical operations, instructional leadership, and force analysis. His career reflects a steadfast commitment to public safety, professional development, and innovation in law enforcement training.

Officer Guasto began his career with the Miami Beach Police Department in 2006, where he has held a variety of roles including Patrol Officer, CST Detective and Drug K9 Handler, Traffic Homicide Unit Detective, and Technical Operations Unit Detective. His investigative work has spanned traffic fatalities, impaired driving enforcement, and long-term proactive gang investigations, earning him recognition for excellence in DUI enforcement, roadway safety initiatives, and criminal intelligence operations.

In his current assignment with the department's Training Unit, Officer Guasto serves as Program Manager for the Police Jiu-Jitsu Program, leading the development of a modern combatives curriculum. He actively encourages partnerships between the agency and private Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu (BJJ) gyms to provide ongoing, high-quality training opportunities for officers. This initiative supports officer wellness, tactical readiness, and community engagement through sustained martial arts education.

Officer Guasto also manages the agency's TASER program, overseeing the deployment of the TASER 10 platform. His instructional expertise includes scenario-based and virtual reality training, defensive tactics, firearms, vehicle operations, and de-escalation strategies. He is a certified Axon TASER Master Instructor and Axon VR Trainer, delivering immersive training experiences that enhance officer readiness and decision-making under stress.

A recognized force analyst, Officer Guasto conducts in-depth response-to-resistance evaluations and use-of-force reviews, supporting policy refinement and tactical readiness. He contributes to crisis communication strategies as a trainer for the Hostage Negotiation Team and facilitates community training sessions on active shooter response and public safety education.

As a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Instructor, Officer Guasto has played a pivotal role in impaired driving enforcement and education. He has trained officers in identifying drug-impaired drivers and contributed to the development of traffic mitigation plans for major city events and emergencies. His expertise in traffic safety is further demonstrated through his authorship of FDOT grant proposals, the creation of performance metrics to evaluate enforcement program impact, and his selection to participate in state-level impaired

driving program assessments conducted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)—contributing to national evaluations and best practices.

Officer Guasto's educational background includes undergraduate studies at Broward College and St. Thomas University. He holds multiple instructor certifications in firearms, speed measurement, defensive tactics, vehicle operations, and virtual reality platforms. His professional development includes advanced training in force science, Homeland Security exercise planning, IP video surveillance, and 3D laser scanning.

Throughout his career, Officer Guasto has received numerous awards, including the Meritorious Service Award, Exceptional Service Award, and a Special Recognition from Homeland Security Investigations. He has earned over eighty commendations for exemplary service in robbery apprehensions, drug seizures, and traffic enforcement.