

## **Urbino “Benny” Martinez**

### **Sheriff, Brooks County**



Sheriff Martinez has served the County of Brooks since 2009. Martinez plans, organizes, implements, administers, and evaluates all Sheriff's Office operations and programs. Sheriff Martinez studied at Baylor University. Prior to Brooks County Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Martinez served as a Texas State Trooper from 1979 until his retirement in 2008, retiring at the rank of Sergeant. During that time, Martinez' responsibilities spanned from enforcing traffic and criminal laws, investigation of motor vehicle traffic crashes, and providing a visible police presence in his area of responsibility.

In 1990, Martinez joined the Narcotics Service of the Department of Public Safety which charged him with the overall direction of the state's enforcement efforts against illegal drug trafficking in Texas. He played an integral role in identifying and targeting individuals and organizations diverting large quantities of controlled substances for illicit sale while Undercover in the South Texas area until his retirement in 2008.