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Meet The Directors: Pascual Marquez – Central Region

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Hello and thank you for visiting the CRS Central Regional page. My name is Pascual Marquez, Regional Director of the CRS Central Regional Office. Our regional office was established in 1973 and we serve the States of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska.

The Community Relations Service is the Department of Justice’s “peacemaker” for community conflicts related to race, color, and national origin. Such as, allegations of racial profiling, excessive use of force, and disparate treatment in schools. We also help communities address and prevent hate crimes involving race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion and disability.

Our regional team works closely with municipal officials, school districts, police departments, community organizations, religious groups, tribal communities, advocacy groups, and federal and state agencies during times of jurisdictional conflicts.

Because our office is located in Kansas City, Missouri, we are uniquely positioned in the Heartland of America. We are centrally located to assist both urban and rural communities. I invite you to contact us for more information about the services CRS can provide to assist your community.