



Captain Ken Cottura (retired) / Board of Directors Member

I am a native San Franciscan and have lived in the Bay Area all my life. In 1973, I joined the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) and that same year, I received a BA in Sociology from San Francisco State College. During my career in the SFPD, I served as an Officer at Ingleside and Mission Stations, a Sergeant at Northern Station and the Police Academy, and a Lieutenant at Taraval, Central, and Mission Stations. I also served as a Lieutenant and Captain at the Airport Bureau.

I also served as a Field Training Officer and Field Training Sergeant, and my assignment to the Police Academy was as Basic Training Coordinator.

In 1991, I became a Peer Support member and in 1995 I joined the Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT), serving as a team leader until 2005, when I was promoted to Captain and could no longer serve on the team.

While a member of the Department, I also served on numerous committees, including the design committee for the new Northern Station, radio communications, and one officer unit training. I was also trained to the Haz-Mat Commander level and attended numerous Command courses on managing critical incidents. I retired in 2007.

After retiring, I served as the Secretary of San Francisco Elks Lodge No.3 from 2010 to 2014.

I have been married to my lovely wife, Nancy, since 1987, and have two daughters - Cassandra and Katherine.

I joined BALEAF in 2009, and am honored to continue to serve the Law Enforcement Community.