



Robin Matthews (Insp. Ret.) / Associate Board Member, Founding Member

I am a retired Inspector (i.e. Detective) from the San Francisco Police Department, retiring in October 2011 with a little more than 29 years of service. I served in patrol from 1982 through the summer of 2003, when I was promoted to the rank of Inspector. I served as an Inspector in the General Work Detail, the Burglary Unit, and finally, in the EEO Unit, where I handled discrimination, harassment, and retaliation cases amongst sworn and civilian employees of the Department, until my retirement.

While in the Department, I was a member of the Critical Incident Response team for many years, serving as a team leader, as well as being a peer support member. Because of my involvement in assisting officers in crisis over many years, when discussions began at the Department's Behavioral Science Unit about forming a non-profit organization that would be there to assist officers and their families who had been hurt or killed in the line of duty, or suffered a catastrophic event, I was more than interested in wanting to become involved!

In 1999, BALEAF was formed, and I am proud to say that I am one of the founding members of the organization. I have served as the organization's Treasurer from 2003 to 2013, Secretary from 2013 to 2016, and was elected Vice President in January of 2019. In 2020, due to a move from the Bay Area, I moved to an Associate Director position.