



## **FORT BRAGG POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

Releasing Officer: Chief Mark Puthuff  
Report Number: N/A  
Date / Time Incident: September 11, 2009 1500 hours  
Location of Incident: Fort Bragg Police Department  
250 Cypress Street, Fort Bragg  
Incident: Promotional Ceremony  
New Employee: Police Captain Brian Ballard

On Friday September 11, 2009 at 1500 hours there will be a Promotional Ceremony at the Fort Bragg Police Department. We are pleased to announce that we will be swearing-in our new Police Captain Brian Ballard.

Captain Ballard began his law enforcement career in 1982 and has spent over 27 years with the Alameda County Sheriff's Office. During his tenure with the Sheriff's Office, Captain Ballard worked in a myriad of assignments which included custody, patrol, administration, training, and various management positions. His work history is impeccable and he has been recognized with numerous awards and commendations.

Ballard's highly regarded performance in each of his assignments was recognized and he subsequently rose through the ranks to Captain. His duties included management of a 40 million dollar operations budget, transportation, bookings, contracts and project management and supply procurement.

Ballard has played key roles in the Urban Shield Operation, Strategic Planning, Regional Training Academy Accreditation, Correctional Standards Compliance, and the National Accreditation for CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies). Alameda County Sheriff's Office is the only Sheriff's Office and Regional Training Academy in California to obtain national accreditation from CALEA. Ballard is also very active in the community, serving as a coach, mentor and board member for numerous youth soccer groups.

"This was a very competitive nationwide recruitment that attracted twenty candidates. We are very excited to have an experienced and proven leader of Captain Ballard's caliber joining our team. His leadership will be a valuable asset for the Fort Bragg community. Captain Ballard has modeled the core values of service, loyalty, teamwork and integrity throughout his career. Brian is exactly what our FBPD Team needs and he is a perfect fit for our community", said Chief Puthuff.