**Newest Member of the Rotary Club of Castro Valley**

**Inducted June 9, 2020**

Captain Lance A. Brede has served the East Bay Regional Park District since 1993 and was sworn in as an Officer in 1997. Lance was promoted to his current role in 2017 with management responsibility for the Operations Division, including Patrol Services, Air Support Unit, Investigations Unit, Special Enforcement Unit and the Volunteer Trail Safety Patrol.

During his two decades of service at the District, Lance has held numerous positions throughout the organization including serving as Sergeant, Field Training Officer, Detective, Tactical Flight Officer, SWAT Team Leader, member of the Contra Costa County Mutual Aide Mobile Field Force and prior to his most recent promotion, Lieutenant.

It was during his tenure as Sergeant in the Professional Standard's Unit when Lance guided the Department through its initial CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) accreditation. Of the approximately 18,000 law enforcement agencies in the United States, only a little more than 1,000 departments hold CALEA accreditation. As the Administrative Lieutenant in 2013, Lance guided the Department to its first reaccreditation.

Lance is widely recognized as a leader in building strong partnerships with the community. His ability to implement problem-solving techniques to proactively address issues of public safety and his pledge to carry out effective stewardship of the unique resources of the District, has led to many important advancements.

In recognition of his significant contributions throughout his career Lance has been the recipient of many honors and awards. He has been awarded the Medal of Merit on two occasions, was honored as the Alameda County EMS Professional of the Year in 2016 and has received the Departments highest award, the Medal of Valor.

Lance received his Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Administration and his master’s degree in Organizational Leadership from Columbia South University. In addition, he is a graduate of the 2014 FBI National Academy (NA 256), and the Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute (Class 249).

Lance resides in Castro Valley with his wife and two sons. He continues his tradition of service by coaching and mentoring several youth sports programs in his free time.