



Biographical Sketch for Joe Vlach

Joe Vlach has been proudly serving the community of Orland for 20 years. Joe grew up in Orland and graduated from Orland High School in 1992. After attending Butte College he joined the U.S. Air Force in 1994, beginning his law enforcement career as a bomb dog handler in the USAF Security Police. In 1998 Joe left active duty with a degree in Criminal Justice, but stayed in the Air Force Reserves serving at Beale AFB. Joe was sworn in as an officer with the Orland Police Department in 1999. Following September 11, 2001, Joe was recalled to active duty and deployed overseas as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. He was released from active duty in 2003 and returned to the Orland Police Department. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2005. Among his other duties with the Orland Police Department, Joe has been a Firearms Instructor, Taser Instructor, Field Training Officer, administrator of the Field Training Program, and has been directly involved in the selection, hiring, and training of Orland Police Officers for the past 17 years. Joe, his wife Elizabeth, and their two children live in Orland.