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BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF ANNOUNCES CAPTAIN PROMOTION

Today, the Butte County Sheriff's Office announced the promotion of Lt. Andy Duch, age 51, to the rank of Sheriff's Captain. Sheriff Jerry Smith said, "Andy is a very talented individual with a remarkable intellect. He will make an excellent addition to the Sheriff's Office Command Staff." Captain Duch will take on the assignment of Jail Commander and work with the corrections staff to implement the Sheriff's plans to mitigate the impacts of AB 109.

Captain Duch began his law enforcement career in 1989 in Denver, Colorado as a Special Agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Upon leaving ATF he was hired by the Butte County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy Sheriff in 1991. Between the years of 1991 and 1996, Captain Duch worked as a patrol deputy in all areas of Butte County. In 1996, he was promoted to the rank of Sheriff's Sergeant and served six years as a patrol team supervisor. In 2002, Captain Duch was selected to be the Investigations Sergeant, overseeing the daily operations of the Felony Investigations Unit. He was promoted to Sheriff's Lieutenant in 2004, and after completing an initial assignment as the Patrol Division Lieutenant, he was assigned the duties of Administrative Lieutenant. Captain Duch was finally transferred to his most recent assignment as Services Division Lieutenant. As Services Division Lieutenant, he managed training, background investigations, internal affairs investigations, court security, records and civil units.

Captain Duch has held a number of collateral duties including SWAT team member and Commander, Field Training Officer, Chief Range Master and Firearms Instructor, STARS Coordinator, Sheriff's Reserve Coordinator and Terrorism Liaison Officer.

Captain Duch is well known in the local behavioral health community as the law enforcement representative on the Butte County Behavioral Health Advisory Board and the co-chair of the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Steering Committee. He was instrumental in the formation of CIT, a multi-agency, county-wide effort aimed at giving first responders enhanced capabilities to handle mental health crisis calls by improving the mental health awareness, sensitivity and de-escalation skills of first responders.

Captain Duch is a member of Butte College's associate faculty and teaches Administration of Justice. Captain Duch also teaches crisis communication and de-escalation techniques at the Sheriff's Office, CIT Academy, Butte College's Law Enforcement Academy, the Torres Community Shelter and various other community groups desirous of training in de-escalation, voluntary compliance, and mental health issues.

Captain Duch is a 1988 graduate of California State University, Chico, and holds a B.S. degree in Community Service as well as A.S. and A.A. degrees in Business Management and Foreign Language, German. Captain Duch is the proud father of a 22 year-old son, Matthew and 20 year-old daughter, Marissa.