

YOLO COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
PRESS RELEASE

Re:	Sheriff Prieto Interviewed for Crystal Darkness Presentation
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Yesterday Yolo County Sheriff Ed Prieto was interviewed and filmed by Mike Reynolds, Producer of the upcoming presentation 'Crystal Darkness', which will be aired on many local television stations, on March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

'Crystal Darkness' is a thirty minute documentary on methamphetamine (meth) abuse. The documentary will run commercial-free on airtime donated by the television stations. The program focuses on interviews with young former meth addicts and their families.

Mike Reynolds has included interviews with various law enforcement leaders in order to provide public service information related to the behavioral effects and criminal repercussions of meth use. Law enforcement statistics indicate that meth addiction is connected to more than half of all violent crimes in our area. Sheriff Prieto stated, "My deputies make a concerted effort to deal with drug abusers in our county to remove offenders from the streets in order to protect the welfare of our law abiding citizens, and so that addicts may be given the opportunity to be rehabilitated."

Along with aide from family, media and law enforcement, other resources include the cooperation of community-based government, treatment professionals, churches, and businesses. This is a collaborative approach to solving the meth crisis.

The public will be able to phone into a call center set up to assist methamphetamine users, their families, and other concerned citizens with their questions and to receive help from the many volunteers working to eradicate this addiction from our society.

The 'Crystal Darkness' documentary has previous been run in Nevada, Oregon, and in Southern California with great success. Others are planned for in Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Idaho, and Georgia.

The Sacramento Region Campaign chairpersons are Linda Gutierrez, Project Director for Safe Schools/Healthy Students at Woodland Joint Unified School District and Michelle Gregory, Special Agent for the California Department of Justice. For more information about 'Crystal Darkness' you can go to [www.crystaldarkness.com](http://www.crystaldarkness.com) on the internet. To find out how you can support the campaign or become a volunteer you can contact Michelle Gregory at 916-319-8298.