

YOLO COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
PRESS RELEASE

Re:	Sheriff Hosts Reception for Crystal Darkness
Date:	February 29, 2008

Contact: Michele Wallace, Public Information Officer (530) 406-5163

On Friday morning Yolo County Sheriff Ed Prieto hosted a brunch reception to benefit the 'Crystal Darkness' campaign in cooperation with Jeff Reisig, Yolo County District Attorney, Linda Gutierrez, Project Director for Woodland Joint Unified School District, and Michelle Gregory, Special Agent for the California Department of Justice. The reception was held at the Gaylord India Restaurant in Sacramento.

The purpose of the event was an effort to help make people aware of the campaign and to raise funds to pay for printed materials and the production of an anti-meth documentary. Many local dignitaries attended the event, recognized the need for the campaign, and became contributors.

'Crystal Darkness' is a thirty minute documentary on methamphetamine (meth) abuse. The documentary will run commercial-free on airtime donated by the television stations on Wednesday, March 26th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The program focuses on interviews with young former meth addicts and their families and will be aired simultaneously on all major networks that evening. In addition, local leaders such as Sheriff Prieto, Jeff Reisig, and Sheriff McGinnis of Sacramento County have been interviewed and will be spotlighted in the documentary. That evening the public will be able to phone into a call center which will be 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.

Sheriff Prieto stated, "I want to thank everyone that came to the reception and showed support for this worthy cause. Various leaders in our community have stepped up to the plate and contributed time, money, and resources to this truly worthy cause. Meth ruins lives. It affects all levels of society – the user, their family, neighbors, employers, and the general public."

For more information about 'Crystal Darkness' you can go to www.crystaldarkness.com on the internet. To find out how you can support the campaign or become a volunteer contact Michelle Gregory at 916-319-8283. Tax deductible donations can be mailed to: CADFY (California Alliance for Drug Free Youth), c/o Michelle Gregory – Special Agent, Department of Justice Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement, 1102 Q Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.