

YOLO COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
PRESS RELEASE

Re: Become a Sheriff's Department Volunteer and Help Your Community Date: May 27, 2008

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Become a Yolo County Sheriff's Department Volunteer and help your community.

Sheriff E. G. Prieto has enhanced public service with great respect and dedication to Yolo County residents since he first was sworn into office in 1999. Within the over 300 personnel working for the Sheriff, he leads a number of dedicated volunteers in serving the community through the department's Sheriff's Team of Active Retired Seniors (S.T.A.R.S.) and other volunteer programs.

Sheriff's Team of Active Retired Seniors (S.T.A.R.S.) program was formed during Sheriff Prieto's first year in office. This group of volunteers was created to provide a means for retired persons to become active in the community through positions in law enforcement. The S.T.A.R.S. program benefits the community by providing services that have been lost over time and by providing new services that would otherwise be unavailable to the department.

The S.T.A.R.S. group is comprised of adult citizens, 50 years of age or greater, who are familiar with Yolo County and interested in volunteering their talents and life experience to serve the public. These volunteers have assorted tasks, many of which enable deputies and other departmental employees to better perform their duties. Some of the services that they provide include conducting daily home checks as part of the Vacation House Check Program, assisting with traffic control at accidents or emergencies, maintaining the Community Resource / Mobil Command Unit and Patrol Vehicle Maintenance program, along with other tasks as needed by the department.

In addition, the S.T.A.R.S. help in providing extra patrol for school zones, contact area shut-ins, assistance with the Neighborhood Watch Programs, and are present at various community events and meetings in Yolo County.

Contact the Sheriff's Department at (530) 668-5280 and advise that you would like to be a volunteer. After you have filled out an application and it has been reviewed, you will then be contacted by a S.T.A.R.S. member. Volunteers attend a training program to receive information and skills used to perform the duties of a department volunteer. "It benefits the community, the department, and gives pride to the volunteer." stated Sheriff Prieto.