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Press Release

Subject: J.H. Meek & Sons, INC. Give Donation to YCSO STARS

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The Yolo County Sheriff's Office STARS (Sheriff's Team of Active Retired Seniors) received a \$5,000 donation form J.H. Meek & Sons, INC. Stephen Meek is the current owner of the Meek farm, which has been in operation in Yolo County for over 100 years. Mr. Meek noted that he and his family appreciate the work and sacrifice the men and women of the Yolo County Sheriff's Office provide to their community.

The Meek farm recently participated in a free Owner Applied Number Program which serves as a deterrent against the theft of property, including farming equipment, tools and office equipment. Members of the STARS visit farms and ranches and apply a unique number to equipment for identification purposes in the event the equipment is stolen. If stolen, law enforcement enters it into a National Crime Information Center system where it can be searched nationwide and returned to the owner if the property has been found.

In addition to a variety of STARS programs, the STARS provide a "Vacation Home Check" service which is available to Yolo County residences free of charge. During your absence, STARS volunteers will provide exterior property inspections of your property to look for signs of suspicious activity. Citizens may contact the STARS at the number below to arrange this service. The STARS operate as a 501c3 nonprofit organization and accept donations to aid in funding their activities.

The STARS are in need of additional volunteers to support their community service programs. STARS members are all volunteers, 50 years of age or more and serve a minimum of 16 hours per month. No law enforcement background is necessary. New members receive classroom, field training and ongoing training sessions throughout the year.

If you are a Yolo County citizen at least 50 years of age, have a valid California driver's license, can pass a background check and are interested in donating your time and talent to serve your community, please contact the STARS coordinator at (530) 668-5298 or go to <u>www.yolocountysheriff.com</u>.

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