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Press Release

Subject: Yolo County Sheriff's Office Awards "STARS" Commander James Hanney with Certificate of Appreciation

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Sheriff's Team of Active Retired Seniors (STARS) Commander James (Jim) Hanney was recognized and presented with a "Certificate of Appreciation" for his outstanding work with the Sheriff's Team of Active Retired Seniors at the 7th Annual Philanthropy Day Celebration earlier this month in Woodland. The STARS program is a non-profit organization for volunteers ages 50 and above that benefit our communities by providing services that have been lost over time and by providing new services that would otherwise be unavailable to our County. The Philanthropy Day event serves as an opportunity for local nonprofits to recognize local donors and volunteers.

Sheriff Prieto said "Our volunteer program has been a model for the County of Yolo. Commander Hanney has been instrumental in the success of the STARS volunteer program and continues to have full support of the Sheriff's Office. It is obvious to me that Jim really cares for all the volunteers, and takes great pride in the success of the program".

In January, 2012, STARS member Jim Hanney was appointed as the STARS Commander and since that time, he has worked closely with the Sheriff's Office Command Staff to rebuild and reorganize the program. Jim has excelled in his leadership position due to his extensive background in law enforcement and training. His past experience includes, a line-level beat officer for Berkeley PD and a variety of management and executive positions within the United States Postal Service, Office of Inspector General.

When Jim took over, he was prepared for the environment and had the skills and talents required to run an organization, but he was not prepared for the unique challenges of managing volunteers. "It is one thing to manage paid

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employees, but yet another to recruit and manage individuals who work without pay. It takes quantities of patients, understanding, and special skills to manage, motivate, and retain good volunteers. He has done an excellent job creating an environment where our volunteers enjoy their work, feel valued, are always learning, and receive recognition when due. I have seen tremendous growth in Jim's ability to listen, learn adapt, and change while keeping a positive attitude and enthusiasm. Jim approaches his responsibilities as if he was a well-paid employee. He not only leads, but works hard at all events and function, is an example, and is a pleasure to be around", stated Field Operations Captain Larry Cecchetti.

Jim's role as a leader, he has enabled the STARS organization to benefit the community and Sheriff's Office in numerous ways and have saved the County thousands of dollars. As a result of the increased membership and programs over the last two years, the STARS have increased their volunteer time from 2,673 hours in 2011 to 5810 hours in the first nine months of 2013. Over the last two years they have donated 11,085 hours, which according to the state, is equal to \$277,125 using a rate of \$25 an hour. Jim alone volunteered over 18% of the total hours, equaling 2028 hours – a value of \$50,700.

Jim will be the first to say that these accomplishments are a group effort by the STARS, but without his experience, leadership, love of service and giving back, the services offered to the community would be far less. Jim's dedication is a glowing example of philanthropy.

All of us at the Yolo County Sheriff's Office offer our congratulations to Commander James (Jim) Hanney and wish him continued success.

Pictured – Jim Hanney and wife Lana