PRESS RELEASE

Contact Person: Undersheriff Tom A. Lopez

Date: March 21, 2014

Subject: Sheriff Ed Prieto celebrates 45 Years in Law Enforcement

Yolo County Sheriff Ed Prieto, along with many other elected officials in Yolo County, is running unopposed this election cycle. Once re-elected in June, Sheriff Prieto will begin his 5th term in office.

The Sheriff is completing his 45th year in law enforcement; 30+ years with the California Highway Patrol and 15 as Sheriff. Prieto is now also the longest tenured sheriff in the history of Yolo County since Sheriff Forrest Monroe’s 32 years of service, which ended in 1971.

Under Sheriff Prieto’s leadership, some of the most notable accomplishments have been an increase in patrol deputies, enhanced training for staff, standardized uniforms, re-designed vehicles, modernization of law enforcement computer systems and has equipped all patrol vehicles with video cameras and computers. He also created the Town Hall Meetings program, the Off-Highway Vehicle enforcement program and the Ag Theft Task Force which has become the statewide model for these task forces and has brought agricultural crimes to a near halt in Yolo County.

During his tenure, professional standards of employees continue to increase, promoting a positive relationship with other criminal justice agencies and the community we serve. When asked, he would say his most notable accomplishment is making the county safer for people to live, work or visit. Sheriff Prieto begins every staff meeting by stating that he still looks forward to coming to work every day.

At age 70, Sheriff Prieto is the currently the oldest Sheriff in the state of California.