Press Release

Subject: YCSO Search and Rescue Team

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Yolo County Sheriff, Ed Prieto, is pleased to announce the formation of a volunteer Search and Rescue Team within the Yolo County Sheriff’s Office. The Sheriff’s Office is now accepting applications for the “Yolo County Sheriff’s Search and Rescue Team” (YCSAR). This volunteer group will assist the department in search and rescue operations within Yolo County and the State of California as needed. The YCSAR will be utilized to assist with search operations including searches by ground, air, and water.

YCSAR will be used to conduct searches in different environments from city streets to rugged rural mountainous terrain. Members will receive training and certification. The training may include search methodology, survival skills, mapping, GPS, CPR, First Aid, Search Management, Man tracking, Technical Rope Rescue and Swift Water Rescue. Once the core group of members are trained and certified, the organization will eventually expand into specialty assignments such as K-9, Air ops, water searches and explorer programs.

The Department is looking for an initial group of 20 members to help organize YCSAR and hold positions as board members and general members.

Requirements:

1) Must be 18 years of age.
2) No criminal history.
3) Posses a valid California Driver License.
4) Pass a background check and FBI live scan.
5) Must attend an orientation meeting.
6) Ability to attend one monthly meeting and two trainings a month.

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Preferred:

1) Good to great physical condition.
2) Ability to work outdoors for 12 hours at a time.
3) Ability to respond to call outs any time.
4) Experience in Hiking, Search management, Non-Profit organization, Rescue, Fire or Law Enforcement, K-9 handling, or anything related to Search and Rescue.

The Yolo County Search and Rescue Team will hold meetings in the evening and may have trainings on the weekends.

For more information on the Yolo County Search and Rescue Team visit the Yolo County Sheriff's Office web site http://www.yolocountysheriff.com or contact the Yolo County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Coordinator, Sergeant Kurt Zeiler, at (530) 406-5151 mailto:kurt.zeiler@yolocounty.org.