

# **STAR provides layer of security for residents**

El Dorado County Sheriff's Team of Active Retirees has two programs that can assist citizens while away from their homes and on vacation.

The STARS unit provides training, literature, and Neighborhood Watch information to assist communities in establishing their own programs. Data shows that active Neighborhood Watch programs deter crime and help build a safer community.

STARS will also provide vacation checks on your home while you are away. STAR members check the perimeter of your house to ensure you have not been a victim of a crime and your house is in good condition. Their presence deters crime. If they find a problem, they immediately let deputies know who will investigate the circumstances and make you aware of the outcome. This is a service which is offered at least twice a week to homeowners on vacation.

These services are offered and available to any citizen living in the unincorporated area of El Dorado County free of charge. If interested in utilizing these services, or becoming a STAR volunteer, the Tahoe number is (530) 573.3005.