

# Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

## Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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### **EMPATHIZING WITH EMPLOYEES FORCED TO TAKE FURLOUGH,**

### **ARPAIO DONATES \$2,600 OF HIS SALARY TO CHARITIES ...**

#### **WILL OTHER TOP COUNTY MANAGERS DO THE SAME?**

(Phoenix, AZ) Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio today will give three local charities personal checks amounting to \$2,613 of his \$97,000 annual earnings as Sheriff.

Because Arpaio is an elected official, he cannot be furloughed.

Giving up a portion of his salary, Sheriff Arpaio says, is his way of empathizing with hundreds of deputies and civilians in his office, all of whom must take mandatory time off, essentially a cut in pay, as Maricopa County addresses its 2010 budget.

Arpaio will donate \$872.00 to the Sheriff's Anti- Illegal Immigration Donation Fund; \$871.00 to the Sheriff's Youth Assistance Foundation for disadvantaged kids; and \$871.00 to the Sheriff's Anti-Animal Cruelty Donation Fund.

About 750 deputies and 350 civilians as well as command staff members will be taking 56 hours of unpaid leave in fiscal year 2010, a move made necessary by a 17 % budget cut forced by the Board of Supervisors against the Sheriff's Office law enforcement budget. Additionally, 280 positions were either eliminated or remain vacant due to the cutbacks.

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These reductions represent the largest budget cut imposed against any valley law enforcement agency this year, underscoring the fact, Arpaio says, that county officials do not recognize that public safety should be the primary mission of government.

After looking at alternatives, Arpaio decided to not lay off any full time employees opting rather to ask employees whose salaries are paid out of the law enforcement budget to take furlough.

Arpaio is hopeful the Board of Supervisors members, as well as County Manager David Smith and Deputy County Manager Sandi Wilson, who are responsible for the situation now being endured by the Sheriff's Office employees, will also donate the financial equivalent of 56 hours of their work schedules.

For each Supervisor, who earns \$76,700 annually, an individual contribution would equal \$2,216.00

For David Smith, who earns more than \$210,000 a year, his contribution would be \$5,654.00 and Sandi Wilson, who earns about \$185,000 yearly, would donate \$5,393.00.

“This law enforcement agency has essentially been decimated by county officials which is poor judgment on their part,” Arpaio says. “Many of my employees are being asked to endure a financial hardship so I am going to do the same. That’s being a good and fair manager. Now let’s see if the officials responsible for this dilemma are willing to do the same.”

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