

# Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

## Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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## MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICERS COMPLETE FEDERAL IMMIGRATION TRAINING

*Sheriff's Office continues illegal immigration investigations of employer sanction/businesses enforcement, human smuggling and jail bookings*

(Phoenix, AZ) Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio reports that 14 more of his officers recently completed their final phase of intensive federal immigration 287(g) training and are now fully operational in the county jail.

In addition to jail immigration enforcement, the Sheriff's Office also continues to enforce state and federal illegal immigration laws through **crime suppression, work place enforcement/ employer sanctions investigations, and human smuggling investigations.**

Sheriff Arpaio says, "This has been a very successful partnership we have had with the federal government that has accounted for the detection of over 38,000 illegal aliens booked into our jails. We look forward to sending even more officers in the near future to attend the five-week training by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security."

Sheriff Arpaio has promised that even if officers choose not to investigate criminal offender's immigration status, he will continue to investigate every person that is booked into his jails to determine whether or not they are in the country legally.

Sheriff's officers have investigated and questioned 370,000 inmates booked into the Maricopa County Sheriff's jails since the program began. Of those investigated, 38,000 were detected for removal by the federal government accounting for 20% of the total for the entire United States.

Once Sheriff's officers have determined that an inmate in the jail is believed to be in the country illegally, the inmate is not eligible for release even if they make bond or are released by a judge. The inmate instead is turned over to Immigration and Customs Enforcement for further determination of their immigration status.

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