

# Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

## Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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### *Crystal Darkness to Air to Jailed Inmates All Week*

(Phoenix, AZ) With nearly 65% of all persons booked into the Maricopa County Jails coming in with drug related charges, tonight's Crystal Darkness program will air to a segment of our population in dire need of education about drug abuse.

Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio has ordered all inmates to watch the 30 minute program tonight in all jails, including Tent City. The program will re-air three times daily for the next several days to ensure all inmates have the opportunity to see the program.

"It's a historical moment in local television history considering all stations throughout Arizona will air Crystal Darkness simultaneously," Arpaio says. "Our 10,000 inmates should be included considering so many of them are incarcerated for drug use."

The Sheriff also has the female chain gang out all week in prominent valley locations cleaning the streets while dressed in T-shirts reading "*I was a drug addict.*"

"Strange times call for strange measures," Arpaio says. "Whatever we can do to help in the fight against drug abuse, we will do."

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