

# Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

## Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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### **ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION DONATIONS REACH TENS OF THOUSANDS FOR SHERIFF'S ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION FIGHT**

(Phoenix, AZ) Fueled by anger and frustration, Maricopa County citizens and others, have donated to Sheriff Joe Arpaio's fight on illegal immigration to the tune of over \$40,000.

In May money began pouring in after approximately \$1.2 million dollars of grant money which was approved by the state legislature and specifically earmarked for human smuggling enforcement was taken away from the Sheriff's Office.

Arpaio has been criticized for his neighborhood crime suppression operations throughout the towns and cities in Maricopa County. Repeated comments made in the media and in public forums by his critics sparked anger among citizens who quickly began writing checks to the Sheriff's Office to make up for money taken from the Sheriff. To date, \$40,105 been donated to the Sheriff's Office Donation Fund.

"I am grateful that despite tough economic times, citizens consider illegal immigration a problem that they dig into their pockets and donate money to help in the fight," says Arpaio.

While the financial cutback hurt the Sheriff's Office, it by no means crippled the operations. The Sheriff has promised to continue his crime suppression sweeps and his enforcement of all illegal immigration laws.

Those interested in helping Sheriff Arpaio in his efforts to combat illegal immigration may call 602.876.1350 for donation information.

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