

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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ARPAIO TO TRAVEL TO NIXON'S CALIFORNIA LIBRARY FOR IMMIGRATION SPEECH

(Phoenix, AZ) Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio tomorrow will travel to Yorba Linda, California and the library of former U.S. President Richard Millhouse Nixon to give a speech on illegal immigration to an estimated guest list of 300 people.

Arpaio will also discuss "*Operation Intercept*", a US/Mexican border operation ordered in 1969 by then President Nixon. At that time, Arpaio was a top official with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. *Operation Intercept* was ordered by Nixon to fight the international narcotics trade occurring at the border. Arpaio and G. Gordon Liddy were major players in that operation.

Sheriff Arpaio was invited to speak by the Liberatore Lectures Series, a group of conservatives in South California. He will be introduced by Lou Ferrigno, the Hollywood actor known as "The Hulk." Ferrigno is a member of Sheriff Arpaio's volunteer posse.

The Sheriff has been on the speaker's circuit highlighting his deputies unique fight to reduce the problem of illegal immigration in Maricopa County since 2008 when his deputies began training to enforce both the federal and state immigration laws, an enforcement effort that has since resulted in the investigation of over 42,000 illegal aliens.

Arpaio's speeches usually draw the attention of dozens of detractors, protestors who vocally and emotionally disagree with his methods and philosophies on the subject matter. And while no event has resulted in any violence, a heightened police presence is nearly always on hand to avert any disruption. A number of local police officers will be present at tomorrow's event.
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