

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office
Joe Arpaio, Sheriff
News Brief

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National Award Proved a Moving Experience for Sheriff Arpaio

Sheriff Joe Arpaio says his time in Tennessee this weekend meeting and talking to people who knew and worked with "Walking Tall" Sheriff Buford Pusser was a memorable and moving experience.

Arpaio traveled to Adamsville, Tennessee over the Memorial Day weekend to receive the national Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award from the Buford Pusser Foundation. Police, deputies, officials and people from all over the country and Canada were in attendance.

"I appreciated the award, but what was really gratifying was the opportunity to meet personally with Sheriff Pusser's family & friends and hearing their stories about their beloved Sheriff," Arpaio says. "Had he been alive as Sheriff today, he might have been called the toughest Sheriff in America."

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