

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

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107 Year Old Finally Gets Her Christmas/Birthday Wish....a Law Enforcement Badge of Her Own

When Elva McKettrick saw all the good works that Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio's posse does for the community on local television news programs, she decided it was time to join forces with them.

Never mind that she is 107-years-old, born December 21, 1900. Elva still wants to count herself as a productive member of society. So when she mentioned joining the posse to her friends and the employees at the Royal Oaks Nursing Home in Sun City, they all worked to make her wish come true.

The staff at Royal Oaks contacted Sheriff Arpaio after he promised them in September he would return for her 107th birthday. He decided to make her a special deputy and fulfill her dream. So on Friday, December 21, 2007 at 10AM, he will bestow upon Elva her special deputy badge and swear her in as the oldest posse member of the 3000 men and women who are already volunteer posse members.

The ceremony will be a surprise to Elva as will the Sheriff's presence at the nursing home to do the honors. Her two 80 plus year old sons will be there to witness the swearing in.

Staff at Royal Oaks invites the local media to the ceremony.

The address to the nursing home is 10015 West Royal Oak Rd in Sun City. Contact there is Janet Adams 623 815 4145.

When asked what duties Elva will perform as a special deputy, Arpaio said she will be head of security at the nursing home and in charge of keeping everyone there in line.

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