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Tent City Inmates and Detention Officers Suffer through the Big Freeze

Generally this is the best time of year to be an inmate at Sheriff Joe Arpaio's world famous Tent City. Better by far than the sweltering summer temperatures of 120 degrees air temperature. Or is it?

All inmates at the Tent City Jail today are complaining. And who can blame them? Although Detention Officers will not complain, the cold weather is also taking effect on them.

Temperatures were taken overnight showing that inside the tents, the air temperature was a super cold 29 degrees at 2 AM to a low of 22 degrees at 4:45am this morning.

With the tent flaps down and no space heaters permitted, inmates, at least, get extra blankets, says Sheriff Arpaio.

"Everyone worries about the inmates," Tents Captain Vincent Campanaro says. "...but what about my officers who are assigned to Tent City? It's a tough job assignment."