

# Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

## Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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### **SHERIFF'S SWITCHBOARD FLOODED... PEOPLE GIVING THEIR OWN MONEY FOR ARPAIO'S FIGHT AGAINST ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION**

#### **New Phone Line Set Up to Accept Contributions**

(Phoenix, AZ) Hours after the Arizona Governor announced she was taking away a \$1.2 million dollar grant used by the Sheriff to fight illegal immigration, the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office switchboard went ablaze with phone calls.

Irate citizens called volunteering their own money to help Sheriff Joe Arpaio continue his fight against illegal immigration. Local Phoenix radio stations have reportedly raised money and the Sheriff's Office itself has now had to dedicate a phone line to accept all the calls and provide the necessary information.

"I am not asking for anyone to contribute money to make up for what the Governor took away," says Arpaio. "But I'm grateful to those who want to support my efforts so much that they are willing to give their own money."

According to office staff, phones have been coming in from throughout Arizona and other states as well, including one call from a group in California representing 10,000 people who wish to donate.

Donations can be mailed to the downtown Sheriff's Office and made out to the MCSO Donation Fund and must be earmarked "for illegal immigration."

Checks must be mailed to 100 West Washington, Suite 1900, Phoenix, Arizona 85003.

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