

# Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

## Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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### *Sheriff Arpaio to Increase Ridership on Valley Metro*

### *Inmates to be Transported on Light Rail*

(Phoenix, AZ.) As a cost savings measure in times of ever tightening budgets, Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio today will announce plans to begin transporting inmates on the Valley's new light rail system.

In phase one of a new cost-saving program, Arpaio will have deputies transport inmates from 44<sup>th</sup> Street and Washington to the Fourth Avenue Jail, eliminating the need for costly parking fees associated with inmate transport. Projected cost savings from this phase of "Con Rail" is estimated to be about \$72,000.00

Last month's grand opening of the Valley's new light rail system finally provided the Sheriff's Office with a new way of doing business and there is another benefit to the "Con Rail" program. Deputies will be an added security measure for the valley rail system, something Arpaio is sure riders will appreciate.

"Not only is this program financially creative in these tough economic times, but we will be providing a service to the city's light rail program by occasionally providing free security," Sheriff Arpaio says. "There is nothing to be concerned or worried about as my deputies will be armed."

Arpaio will be discussing the new airport "Con Rail" program on January 27th at around 5:30 p.m. at the 44<sup>th</sup> Street and Washington station where he will meet deputies transporting an inmate for the trip downtown. Media is welcome.

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