

# Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

## Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



**The Headline...** Sheriff's Office Overtime Probed! Arizona Republic, August 9th 2009

**The Truth...** August 12, 2009

Today's headline featured in the Arizona Republic titled "*Jail officers file \$8 million OT suit against county*" is packed full of information about another story that ran in Sunday's paper on concerns that the Sheriff's Office has somehow "mismanaged" the budget and has ignored concerns that employees are compensated properly.

The article leads readers to believe that the Sheriff's Office has done nothing to resolve the issue after detention officers raised their concerns in January of this year and that this problem was brought to light by the County Board of Supervisors. This simply is not true.

The Sheriff's Office is not commenting on this issue to the media for the sole reason that this matter is being handled by counsel representing the Office who have been tirelessly working towards a resolution ever since the issue was raised many months ago.

What citizens need to know is that the Sheriff's Office has been diligently working with its employees. County Manager David Smith and Deputy County Manager Sandi Wilson have acted maliciously in a conspiratorial manner with Arizona Republic reporters Yvonne Wingett and JJ Hensley to leak confidential, attorney-client, privileged information to generate a news story that would force the detention officer's union to move forward with a lawsuit that was completely unnecessary.

We feel that this is a gross waste of tax dollars that the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors is using as a retaliatory measure because of recent investigations into the possible criminal activity of some of the board members and senior county management.

During these difficult economic times, Sheriff Arpaio and his staff have worked very hard to ensure that measures have been taken to avoid losing any full time staff and to maintain sufficient public safety despite the largest known law enforcement budget cut in the Valley and will take whatever steps necessary to look after his employees.

The Truth

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