



Maricopa County Sheriff's Office
Joe Arpaio, Sheriff

NEWSRelease

For Release: November 5, 2013

COMMUNITY AFTER-ACTION MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2013

(Phoenix, AZ) Commanders from the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office will hold a community after-action meeting to interested citizens this week. The purpose of this public meeting is to provide details about the Office's crime suppression operation conducted on October 18th and 19th.

That crime suppression operation took place in the West Valley as an all-encompassing law enforcement effort to reduce crime and gang related incidents in and around the area where a Sheriff's Office detention officer was recently shot, says Sheriff Joe Arpaio.

Jorge Vargas was only 27 years old when, on August 8th, he was murdered standing in his driveway, in uniform and on his way to work. Leonard Moreno, a 15 year old gang associate, was later arrested by officers from the Phoenix Police Department and charged with Officer Vargas' homicide.

Deputies and volunteer posse members spent a total of 14 hours patrolling a 40-square-mile area during the mid-November crime suppression operation. A total of 37 arrests resulted.

Saturday's after action meeting will provide the public an opportunity to ask questions of the Sheriff's Commanders who oversaw the operation. Interested citizens are invited to attend the meeting on Saturday, November 9, 2013 at 9:30A.M.

The meeting is open to the public and will be held at the Litchfield Park Library grounds at 111 West Wigwam Blvd in Litchfield Park, AZ. As Sheriff Arpaio is participating in the Phoenix Veterans Day Parade, Deputy Chief David Trombi and Captain Edward 'Pat' Lopez will present the operation details and answer any questions or concerns community members may have. A Spanish-speaking deputy will also be present to assist communications with Spanish-speaking citizenry.

###