BACKGROUND INFORMATION - SIGN CHANGEOVER
MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE FACILITIES

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In response to your questions regarding the changeover in signage at Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office facilities, we have prepared this background information for your use.

Three important points on this issue:

1. Sheriff Paul Penzone’s highest priority is to support his team in delivering top quality law enforcement to all the people of Maricopa County in a cost effective manner. This labeling and signage changeover is not his top priority.

2. Sheriff Penzone’s name is not replacing former Sheriff Joe Arpaio’s name on all buildings, vehicles, street signs, and forms. Where Sheriff Penzone’s name is placed is still being determined, but MCSO designation (not specific to the Sheriff) will remain.

3. The act of changing over comes in the normal course of business for facilities maintenance. Due to age and wear and tear, replacing and/or repairing signs happens no matter who is in office. It is not an unplanned expense.

Categories

There are four categories of signage subject to change: 1) buildings 2) vehicles 3) street signs, and 4) computerized forms.

- The week after the November election, MCSO Facilities Maintenance did an inventory and determined that there are likely over a hundred
signs on buildings and on vehicles (jail vans) that displayed Sheriff Arpaio’s name.

- There are 40 street signs that display Sheriff Arpaio’s name. Street signs are being handled by Maricopa County Facilities Maintenance. There are also hundreds of computerized forms that displayed Sheriff Arpaio’s name.

The Changeover

- Starting this past New Year’s weekend, and earlier with computerized forms, MCSO staff began a changeover.
- MCSO Facilities Maintenance removed or will remove Sheriff Arpaio’s name either by covering it with reflective tape, or by physically removing it. Physical removal was completed without defacing the building, sign, or vehicle. The changeover is complete at the MCSO Headquarters building on Jackson Street and continues at District Offices and is ongoing at other locations.
- Sheriff Arpaio’s name was removed from computerized forms. Many will now simply have an MCSO logo, and not include the name of Sheriff Penzone.
- A plan of action for street signs will be determined in the near future, once Facilities Management staff from MCSO and Maricopa County complete an assessment.

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