



People for Proper Policing in North Wales

SHERIFF JOE IS AT IT AGAIN!

You may remember **Sheriff Joe Arpaio of Maricopa County Arizona**, who painted the jail cells pink and made the inmates wear pink prison garb. Well..... there's MUCH more to know about Sheriff Joe!. Maricopa County was spending approx. **\$18 million dollars a year on stray animals**, like cats and dogs. Sheriff Joe offered to take the department over, and the County Supervisors said okay.

The animal shelters are now all staffed and operated by prisoners. They feed and care for the strays. Every animal in his care is taken out and walked twice daily. He now has prisoners who are experts in animal nutrition and behavior. They give great classes for anyone who'd like to adopt an animal. He has literally taken stray dog s off the street, given them to the care of prisoners, and had them place in dog shows. The best part? His budget for the entire department is now **under \$3 million**.

The prisoners get the benefit of **about \$0.28 an hour for working**, but most would work for free, just to be out of their cells for the day. Most of his budget is for utilities, building maintenance, etc. He pays the prisoners out of the fees collected for adopted animals.

Should the rest of the country would take a look at the way he runs the jail system and copy some of his ideas?. He has a huge farm, donated to the county years ago, where inmates can work, and they grow most of their own fresh vegetables and food, doing all the work and harvesting by hand. He has a pretty good sized hog farm, which provides meat and fertilizer. It fertilizes the Christmas tree nursery, where prisoners work, and you can buy a living Christmas tree for \$6 - \$8 for the holidays and plant it later.

He **was re-elected last year with 83%** of the vote... Now he's in trouble with the ACLU again. He painted all his buses and vehicles with a mural that has a special hotline phone number painted on it, where you can call and report suspected illegal aliens. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement wasn't doing enough in his eyes, so he had 40 deputies trained specifically for enforcing immigration laws, started up his hotline, and bought 4 new buses just for hauling folks back to the border

TO THOSE OF YOU NOT FAMILIAR WITH JOE ARPAIO.. HE IS THE MARICOPA ARIZONA COUNTY SHERIFF AND HE KEEPS GETTING ELECTED OVER AND OVER. HERE ARE SOME OF THE REASONS WHY:

Sheriff Joe Arpaio (in Arizona) who created the 'Tent City Jail': He has **jail meals down to 40 cents a serving** and charges the inmates for them. He stopped smoking and porno magazines in the jails. He took away their weights and cut off all but 'G' movies.

He started chain gangs so the inmates could do free work on county and city projects. Then he started chain gangs for women so he wouldn't get sued for discrimination.

He took away cable TV until he found out there was a federal court order that required cable TV for jails, so he hooked up the cable TV again.....BUT only let in the Disney channel and the Weather channel... When asked why the weather channel, he replied, *"So they will know how hot it's gonna be while they are working on my chain gangs."* He cut off coffee since it has zero nutritional value. When the inmates complained, he told them, *"This isn't The Ritz/Carlton..... If you don't like it, don't come back."*

The PPP comments ... there is much hype and exaggeration in the stories and the reality about this Sheriff. He appeals to the public who are sick of career criminals living a relative life of luxury in jails at their expense BUT the other side of the story can be seen at these links <http://www.arpaio.com/> and <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2009/oct/09/obama-immigration-arpaio-arizona-sheriff>

The UK jail system is much softer than the American system and we have a very high rate of recidivism, ever rising costs and a system that is overcrowded. Young criminals even become drug addicts within our prisons and drug and violent crimes are organised from within due to our criminally lax communication allowances for prisoners. Re-offending data that covers adults released from custody or commencing a court order under probation supervision shows a 40% recidivism. A re-offence is defined as any offence committed in the one-year follow up period proven by a court conviction. The full report is here .. <http://www.justice.gov.uk/publications/docs/reoffending-adults-2008-cohort.pdf>

The bar chart below from this article ... <http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/uk/article778681.ece> shows the situation in 2002 ...

