

***Maricopa County Sheriff's Office***  
***Joe Arpaio, Sheriff***  
***Announcement***

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Deputy Joaquin Enriquez (480) 318-4846

All,

I wanted to send a quick email to affirm to those asking that yes, I am retiring February 2, 2016 after serving as Public Information Director of the MCSO since 1993.

I have fond memories (and some not so fond!) of working with many of you over the years. And while I have enjoyed this job so much, I will likely look back at my career in television news, especially those at Channel 10, as the best years in my working life.

Transitioning from news to PIO at a law enforcement agency was tough going to be honest. When Arpaio hired me in 1993, I was the first female television personality to work as a PIO in a valley law enforcement agency. I was not a welcome addition at MCSO. As a media person, many inside the agency saw me as a wolf among sheep. It took years to earn a semblance of trust. But I succeeded only because of the unfettered support of Sheriff Arpaio. Some of you have had the occasional tempestuous dealings with Sheriff Arpaio over the years, I know, but I am here to say that he is a good man, a great boss, and will continue to be a fine sheriff for years to come.

Sheriff Arpaio has chosen to replace my position with someone from within this Sheriff's Office. Chris Hegstrom will be taking over the duties of Director. Rico Enriquez remains as a PIO and will be joined by a new detention officer, Courney Palma who starts next week and Deputy Doug Matteson who has returned to the unit.

My heartfelt thanks goes out to those with whom I have worked so closely over the years. I will remember you very fondly as I enjoy my new place of residence in Boise, Idaho.

Respectfully,

Lisa Allen