
Josephine (JO) County (CO) Justice System (JS) & Public Safety Services (PSS)

JO CO Justice System & Public Safety Services¹⁻⁴

The 2012 expiration of federal funding for services resulted in two JO CO proposed levies as a solution. They both failed. **“Is JO CO providing a minimally adequate level of public safety services?”**

SECURING OUR SAFETY (SOS)⁵

<http://securingoursafety.org/>

Mission⁵

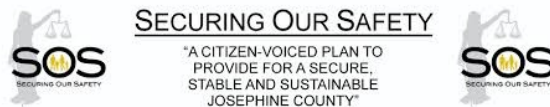
“A Citizen-Voiced Plan to provide for a secure, stable and sustainable Josephine County.”

Securing Our Safety (SOS)⁶ Securing Our Safety is a non-profit educational/research group formed in the summer of 2012 and officially incorporated in the fall of 2012. The group consists of people from all walks of life and fields of employment. There are City of Grants Pass and Josephine County employees, who along with many others from the private sector or just concerned citizens in general, each week tirelessly volunteer their time towards a solution. The group is diverse and also needs a presence from those that work for local government so that questions about how the system works can be efficiently answered. SOS is purely a volunteer organization and consists of people wanting to make our home a safer place to live and raise a family. Enrollment is open to everyone and the public is invited to all of our weekly meetings. The group encourages others to share their ideas and thoughts. Respect for each other’s opinion is the only requirement.

1. Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society (HNA&HS). July 9, 2013. *Justice System Exploratory Committee*. Hugo, OR.

Community Response After Sheriff Had To Cut Services

Surveys⁶ SOS has to date surveyed nearly 1,200 JO CO residents, almost all of whom desire solutions to restoring our local Public Safety and Criminal Justice Services. There may be some differences of opinion on the best solutions, but we desire to be a voice of the citizens and are currently working hard to collect as much input as possible and educate the public on the dangers of not having an adequately funded Criminal Justice System. (Source: Many SOS Members, April 2013).



March 2013 Questions & Answers⁷ SOS and its volunteer members are trying to collect answers to any questions that come our way regarding funding proposals or questions about how to make our county a secure, stable, and sustainable place to live. This included a number of questions about the levy placed on the May 2013 ballot by the Josephine County Commissioners.

2. HNA&HS. July 24, 2013. *Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society’s Mission*. Hugo, OR.

3. HNA&HS. July 9, 2013. *All Voters & Votes Are Legitimate*. Hugo, OR.

4. HNA&HS. July 24, 2013. *Government Needs Support*. Hugo, OR.

5. Securing Our Safety. Downloaded July 29, 2013. *Home Page of SOS*, <http://securingoursafety.org/>. Josephine County, OR.

Securing Our Safety (SOS) Teams

SOS Teams⁶ SOS members have teams working in the following areas:

1. Natural Resources: Timber & Other
2. Sales Taxes and Other New Tax/Fee Revenues (NOTE: this effort is halted due to public input)
3. Property Tax Adjustments
4. Trust, Transparency, and Education / Public Ownership and Involvement
5. Public/Private Partnerships & Improve System Efficiency
6. Use of State Lottery Funds
7. Justice of the Peace Court
8. Biomass Research (initial research in process)
9. Volunteer Corps (initial research/meetings in process)
10. Opioid Treatment Program
11. Natural Resources: Mining
12. SOS Refunding
13. College Works

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6. SOS. Downloaded July 29, 2013. *Questions & Answers, SOS*. <http://securingoursafety.org/qa/>. JO CO, OR.

7. SOS. Downloaded July 29, 2013. *SOS Teams*. <http://securingoursafety.org/the-can-do-list/>. JO CO, OR.

Exploratory Committee's Mission

Mission An independent Justice System and Public Safety Services Exploratory Committee (*Exploratory Committee*) to investigate the JO CO Justice System & Public Safety Services (JS&PSS) issue was formed under the leadership of the Hugo Neighborhood Association and Historical Society (HNA&HS).

Big picture ideas for the exploratory effort include the following.

1. Identifying the JS&PSS issue.
2. Identifying the JS&PSS sub-issues for research and analysis.
3. Identifying a range in level of services
4. Identifying a range of cost for services.
5. Identifying revenues for services.

The ultimate goal is an adequate justice system and public safety services. Is it possible to have a higher level of service for a lower cost? The purpose of the *Exploratory Committee* is to gather information adequate enough to understand the JS&PSS issues. This includes educational outreach efforts.

The *Exploratory Committee's* purpose is limited to investigating and researching the JS&PSS issues. It will not make evaluations of right or wrong, nor make recommendations on how to vote.

The contents of this brochure are expressions of the opinions and beliefs of those that contribute based on their thoughts and experiences. Hopefully, their efforts will assist the public toward informed decision-making.

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