

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 (SOS) is a non-profit that formed in 2012 for the purposes of research and education on how to help the County provide the services that are required for a “secure, stable, and sustainable Josephine County.”

SOS Team 5: Public/Private Partnerships & Improve System Efficiency⁶

<http://securingoursafety.org/the-can-do-list/>

The Trust, Transparency, and Education group has developed short-term and long-term goals for this subcommittee. The group is currently working on developing a short (2-3 page or tri-fold) handout that easily explains the county money situation. This will include what portion of the County money comes from property tax, federal and state government, fees, and grants. This will also include how much of that money is discretionary money. We want this handout to show how the money is spent and how this money and spending have changed over the last several years (i.e. the loss of federal O&C money).

Community Response After Sheriff Had To Cut Services

Once we have an easily understandable education tool to present to people, we would like to have “Town Hall” type meetings throughout the county to educate the public about county spending, but more importantly, to receive feedback from the people about what they would like to see the future of criminal justice in the county look like.



Public Involvement Team 5 will identify various groups (e.g. Civic groups, Churches, non-profits) and get them involved; schedule presentations; increase public ownership; increase voting base; reach out to the Media; and developing "Jump Start Strategies", getting momentum, etc.

Identified Groups to Promote Interest

- Grants Pass Chamber of Commerce
- Rogue River Chamber of Commerce
- Churches
- Non Profits

Media 1. The Daily Courier, 2. KAJO AM 1270, 3. The Sneak Preview, and 4. TV Stations

- Southern Oregon Public
- KOB TV NBC
- KFBI Kmcw
- KTVL Television 10
- Better Life Television

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Possible Forum or Survey Sites

- Anne Basker
- Rogue Community College
- County Grange Halls
- Cave Junction County Hall
- Schools
- Growers Market
- Post Office
- Dmv
- Rotary
- Kiwanis
- Other Fraternal Orgs and Service Clubs

Local Sponsor Sites

- Wineries
- Churches
- Local Business

SOS Team 5 will work with the full committee to develop time lines for scheduling.

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