

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

JO CO JS&PSS The 2012 expiration of federal funding for public safety services resulted in two JO CO proposed levies as a solution. They both failed. The *Exploratory Committee* has a question : “Is JO CO providing an minimally adequate level of public safety services?”¹⁻²

The NVCW Is About Citizens Protecting Their Community

When the JO CO Sheriff’s Office cut service levels May 2012 a group of North Valley citizens met and decided they needed to approach community safety on a different scale. First they wanted to support and strengthen the local Neighborhood Watch programs of the area and establish on-going communications with them as well as with all citizens of the North Valley area. Secondly they ...wanted to form a “Response Team” which would respond to the needs of the community that law enforcement could no longer provide. Hence the NVCW was established.

The NVCW is not a vigilante group and firmly believes that only a professionally organized and trained law enforcement agency should be relied upon for community safety. However, in the absence of law enforcement we believe our citizens have the right and duty to protect themselves and their property from harm. We stand ready to assist and protect the most vulnerable members of our community.

Check Out NVCW’s Facebook Site³

- **North Valley Community Watch (NVCW) Happenings**

1. Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society (HNA&HS). July 9, 2013. *Justice System Exploratory Committee*. Hugo, OR.
2. HNA&HS. July 24, 2013. *Government Needs Support*. Hugo, OR.
3. North Valley Community Watch (NVCW) Happenings (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/North-Valley-Community-Watch/543843405647631?sk=info>).

Community Response After JO CO Sheriff Had To Cut Services

NVCW Goals

1. Provide protection to NVCW members until law enforcement arrives.
 2. Provide deterrence to crime by being ever vigilant for crime or suspicious persons in our community.
 3. Document accurately observations of crimes.
 4. Communicate rapidly and effectively with Community Watch members and law enforcement.
 5. Assist those in need in reporting crime or suspicious persons or activity to law enforcement authorities.
 6. Provide training and suggestions on ways neighbors and our community can detect, deter and prevent crime.
- The **RT** provides non-emergency assistance.

NEIGHBORHOODS



IN ACTION



NVCW Training

- Checking and clearing business and residential buildings when the owner feels a trespasser or burglar may still be present.
- Responding to suspicious persons lurking in the neighborhood so that a deterrent presence is provided.
- Responding to concerns that a person is trespassing on private property not open to the public.
- Where NVCW members have been victimized by a burglar or thief and needs assistance in reporting the crime to law enforcement.

North Valley Community Watch (NVCW) & Response Team (RT)

Response Team Due to extreme liability concerns, the NVCW & RT will not respond to incidents where law enforcement maintains a current policy of response. These include, but are not limited to the following.

- Domestic disturbances between current or former co-habitants.
- Crimes in progress of a felonious nature.
- Civil disagreements between neighbors.
- Any incident, where in the opinion of the NVCW & RT member, is a matter for direct and immediate law enforcement action.

Response Team Coordinators

Ken Selig was laid off from the JO CO Sheriff’s Office May 2012 and subsequently retired with 37 years of law enforcement experience, 33 years with JO CO.



NVCW Coordinator, Ken Selig

His experience is Chief Investigator, Supervisor of the Major Crimes Unit, patrol, JO CO Interagency Narcotics Team Commander, Deputy Medical Examiner, and Chief Deputy Medical Examiner. Ken served in the United States Marine Corps as both a Military Police Sergeant and a Naval Investigation Service Narcotics Investigator.

Pete Scaglione is in construction and owns Scaglione Construction. He is a former Josephine County Sheriff’s Patrol Reserve and holds a black belt in the martial arts. Pete regularly trains others in martial arts and is also a former United States Marine and Vietnam war Veteran.

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 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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North Valley Community Watch (NVCW) Happenings

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