

## 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 a minimally adequate level of PSS?”**<sup>1-2</sup>

### NEIGHBORHOODS



IN ACTION

**The NVCW Is About Citizens Protecting Their Community** The NVCW first 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.

**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. In the absence of law enforcement our citizens have the right and duty to protect themselves and their property from harm. The NVCW stands ready to assist and protect the most vulnerable members of our community.

1. Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society (HNA&HS). July 9, 2013. *Justice System Exploratory Committee*. Hugo, OR.  
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3. North Valley Community Watch (NVCW) Happenings (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/North-Valley-Community-Watch/543843405647631?sk=info>).  
4. Barnard, Jeff October 17, 2012. *'Citizens Against Crime,' O'Brien Oregon Civilian Force, Organizes Via Facebook After Budget Cuts*. For The Huffington Post.

## North Valley Community Watch (NVCW)

**Vigilantes Tend to Get out of Control** The NVCW acknowledges that the issue of armed citizens is controversial. For example, many local media articles and blogs, pro and con, are based upon the news article by Barnard: *'Citizens Against Crime,' O'Brien Oregon Civilian Force, Organizes Via Facebook After Budget Cuts*, and his quote by “policing expert” Dennis Kenney.<sup>4</sup>

*Policing expert Dennis Kenney, a professor at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City, says neighborhood watch efforts can be positive but turn into problems when volunteers “decide that instead of supplementing law enforcement, they are going to replace law enforcement. Then you cross potentially into vigilantism.”*

*Kenney said vigilantes tend to get “out of control — especially when people are armed.”*

An example of the media and blog coverage by title on the *Citizens Against Crime* follows.

- 'Citizens Against Crime,' O'Brien Oregon Civilian Force, Organizes Via Facebook After Budget Cuts
- OR's Armed Poses Displace Police
- We Don't Need Cops Up Here
- Posse Up Mofos...
- Anarchy In Rural Oregon
- Armed Posse Patrols Timber Land in Sheriff's Place



**NVCW Training**

## NVCW Response Team's Focus Is Crime Prevention via Deterrence

**RT Focuses On Crime Prevention** It is a fact that the RT is a group of trained armed citizens that strongly supports law enforcement and that the use of fire arms by private citizens is a last resort. Due to extreme liability concerns, the NVCW & RT will not respond to incidents where law enforcement maintains a current policy of response. Training and deterrence are critical.

**RT Training** Since the spring of 2012, the RT has engaged in on-going discussion and scenario based training in Oregon law as it pertains to use of force, use of deadly force, rules and concepts of preclusion to the use of force, using "minimum use of force, consequences of using force, confrontational and situation preparedness, defusing a potential violent encounter, making a citizen's arrest, self defense and the use of force in defending another, limitations on the use of deadly physical force and in defense of property. In addition, RT members train in the safe deployment of firearms, handling of firearms in a confrontation, accurate shooting of firearms. The RT also trains in building entry and clearing, incident documentation and crime scene processing. RT members are tested in the knowledge of the law, firearms skills and self defense. These tests are based on the same standards as must be passed by local law enforcement personnel.

The crime prevention value of traditional police methods is centered on the "professional law enforcement" principles of random and directed patrol, rapid response to calls for service, and retrospective investigation of crimes.

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## 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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### Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society

<http://www.hugoneighborhood.org/>

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