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

JO CO Justice System & Public Safety Services

The 2012 expiration of federal funding for services resulted in two JO CO proposed levies as a solution. They both failed. How do you feel about the question: "Is JO CO providing a minimally adequate level of public safety services?"

10/17/12 'Citizens Against Crime,' O'Brien Oregon Civilian Force, Organizes Via Facebook After Budget Cuts.⁵ – **The Huffington Post.** O'BRIEN, Ore. – The the **CAC Patrol**, Citizens Against Crime, was formed after the JO CO Sheriff' staff reduced by budget cuts to three deputies on patrol eight hours a day, five days a week. "I believe in standing up for myself rather than waiting for the government to do something for me," said Sam Nichols, a retired marina manager. Nichols has organized a posse of about a dozen fed-up residents who have started patrolling the small community of O'Brien, which has about 750 residents.

JO CO Sheriff Gil Gilbertson says he's glad for the help but warns that law enforcement is dangerous work. "They need to really understand there are consequences that can be very costly, physically as well as legally," he said, explaining that volunteers could get sued or shot if they pull a gun on someone or make a false arrest.

1. Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society (HNA&HS). July 9, 2013. *Justice System Exploratory Committee*. Hugo, OR.
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Citizens Against Crime Patrol & North Valley Community Watch

12/04/12 Man Id'd on Facebook Page Faces Federal Gun Charge⁶ – Associated Press. GRANTS PASS — A man identified on an anti-crime Facebook page in southern Oregon is in jail facing a federal gun charge. Carol Dickson, a retired sheriff's deputy who runs the "**To Catch a Thief**" page, let out a whoop for joy Tuesday on hearing the news. "That just shows us the police DO read 'To Catch a Thief' and it helps them," she said. "Yahoo. Dickson started the page after the elimination of federal subsidies to timber counties forced sharp cutbacks in Josephine County sheriff's patrols.

07/14/13. Laid-off Deputy Trains Armed Group How to Respond to Crime in Josephine County after Budget Cuts⁷ – The Associated Press. GRANTS PASS -- A southern Oregon timber county now has a second armed group filling the gap left by cuts to sheriff's patrols. The Grants Pass Daily Courier reports that a laid-off deputy is training a team of seven people from the Hugo area in northern Josephine County on how to respond to burglaries and other crimes. The **North Valley Community Watch** said in a statement that some of its members will be armed. Sheriff's patrols in Josephine County have been cut to the bone since voters last year refused to raise their taxes to plug the gap left by the expiration of a longstanding federal subsidy for timber counties.

5. Barnard, Jeff October 17, 2012. '*Citizens Against Crime,' O'Brien Oregon Civilian Force, Organizes Via Facebook After Budget Cuts*. For The Huffington Post.
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Citizens Against Crime Groups

07/05/13 In Oregon, a Demand for Safety, but Not on Their Dime⁸ – The New York Times . GRANTS PASS, Ore. — It might be well established by now that money cannot buy happiness. But can it buy public safety? Burglaries and theft cases were up in Grants Pass, and at least part of the reason is an awareness by criminals that their actions are increasingly without consequences in cash-starved Josephine County, where the jail the city depends on is mostly closed for lack of money. Now drive an hour south and meet Sam Nichols and Glenn Woodbury, who volunteer with a group called **CAC Patrol**, Citizens Against Crime. They say that financial troubles are in fact strengthening the community and that citizen crime patrols like theirs are proving that money — meaning higher taxes — is not the solution.

07/15/13 Community Watch To Be Armed⁹– Newswatch 12 Staff. GRANTS PASS, Ore. Northern Josephine County residents are arming themselves, hoping to fill gaps left by cuts to law enforcement. A deputy, who was laid off after county residents did not pass a public safety levy last May, is training seven Hugo residents on how to respond to burglaries and other crimes. In a statement, the "**North Valley Community Watch**" said some of its members will be armed.

7. Associated Press. February 14, 2013. *Laid-off Deputy Trains Armed Group How to Respond to Crime in Josephine County after Budget Cuts*.
8. The New York Times. July 5, 2013. *In Oregon, a Demand for Safety, but Not on Their Dime*
9. Newswatch 12 Staff. February 15, 2013. *Community Watch To Be Armed*.

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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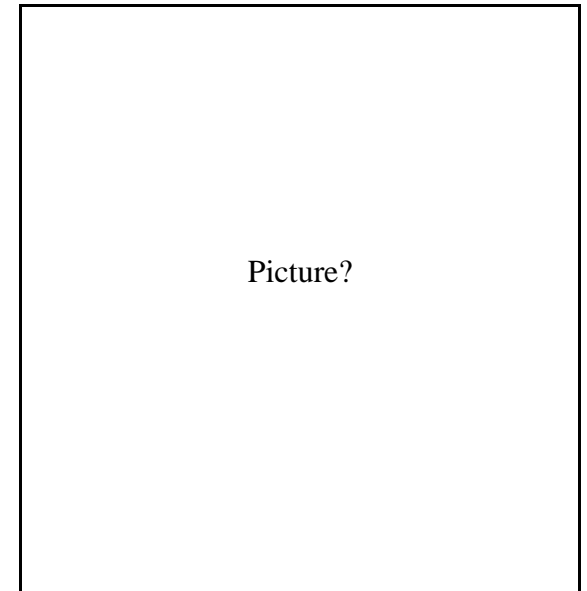
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