

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. Both levies failed. “*Is JO CO providing a minimally adequate level of public safety services?*”¹⁻⁴

MISSION, VISION, GOALS, BUDGET⁵ JO CO “Your Sheriff’s Office”

<http://jocosheriff.us/component/content/>

Mission The mission of the JO CO Sheriff’s Office is to strive to provide superior public safety services in a professional, ethical, and fiscally responsible manner.

Jail The 262-bed Jail was built in 2000 and currently is able to house a maximum of 30 Contract Inmates and 69 Local Inmates for a total of 99. The Josephine County Adult Jail incarcerates offenders in a humane, professionally sound manner and provides safe and secure operations.

The Sheriff’s Office recently changed Jail Management Systems (JMS). The new JMS still provides access to in-custody inmates, however through a different mechanism than the prior JMS. This service is provided to the public on an 'As-Is' basis by the Sheriff’s Office. The Sheriff’s Office cannot change or modify the website used to view in-custody inmates.

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Sheriff’s Office Jail: 2006 - 2012

Oregon Sheriff’s Jail Command Council (OSJCC)⁶

<http://www.osjcc.org/> JO CO’s jail is designed for 262 beds. It operational capacity (OC) from 2006 - 2011 was 140 beds. OC was reduced to 99 in 2012 through the first part of 2013. On July 17, 2013 the City of Grants Pass rented 20 jail beds per day from the CO at \$100 per bed, with the option of using an additional 10 beds if needed.⁷

Table 1. Jail Statistics For Josephine County, Oregon: 2006 - 2012						
Year	Pop ¹ JO CO	BP ² 1,000	TB ³	FR ⁴	JJB: DC ⁵	JJB: OC ⁶
2012	82,775	40.7	3,368	277	262	99
2011	82,775	34.9	2,886	304	262	140
2010	83,665	57.6	4,816	327	262	140
2009	83,665	63.2	5,285	293	262	140
2008	83,290	50.5	4,210	307	262	
2007	82,390	70.5	5,808	789	262	140
2006	80,761	63.6	5,140		262	140
2012 OCA ⁷	107,882	49.3	5,156	595	243 ?	

1. Population of Josephine County, Oregon (Pop JO CO) (estimated by Portland State University)
2. Booking per 1,000 population (BP 1000).
3. Total Bookings (TB)
4. Number of Forced Released (No FR)
5. Sheriff’s Jail Beds: Design Capacity (JJB:DC)
6. Sheriff’s Jail Beds: Operational Capacity (JJB:OC) (jail budget in 2007 was \$4,000,000; in 2006 was \$4,200,000).
7. 2012 Oregon County Average (OCA)

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Jail Beds, Admissions, Prison Commitments, Total Crime per 1,000 Population: 2006 - 2012⁶ (See OSJCC’s web site).

JO CO Jail Statistics: 2006 - 2011⁶

- Population of JO CO: 80,000 - 84,000
- Booking per 1,000 population: 34.9 - 70.5
- Total Bookings: 2,886 - 5,808
- Forced Release: 293 - 789
- Jail Design Capacity: 262
- Jail Operational Capacity: 140

JO CO Jail Statistics: 2012⁶

- Population of JO CO: 82,775
- Booking per 1,000 population: 40.7
- Total Bookings: 3,368
- Forced Release: 277
- Jail Design Capacity: 262
- Jail Operational Capacity: 99

JO CO Jail Statistics: 2013

- Jail Operational Capacity: 99
- After Grants Pass rented beds July 17, 2013⁷: 119 - 129

Want more information? Contact a member of the *Exploratory Committee*.

5. Transcribed by the Hugo Justice System (HJS) Exploratory Committee, HNA&HS Downloaded August 26, 2013. *Josephine County Sheriff’s Office Overview*. <http://jocosheriff.us/component/content/>. Hugo, OR.
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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 costs 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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