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## 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?*”<sup>1-4</sup>

### MISSION, VISION, GOALS, BUDGET

#### JO CO “Your Sheriff’s Office”

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**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.

**JO CO INTEGRATED FIRE PLAN (JCIFP)**<sup>5</sup> In August 2003, the Josephine County Board of County Commissioners directed the County Departments to work with state and federal agencies, rural fire protection districts and community organizations throughout the County to develop an integrated fire plan. The County initiated this effort to reduce wildfire risk to citizens, the environment, and quality of life within Josephine County. The County contracted with the Program for Watershed and Community Health, an organization affiliated with the University of Oregon’s Institute for a Sustainable Environment to facilitate the development of the plan. The Josephine County Integrated Fire Plan (JCIFP) and to help the County be successful in implementing fuels reduction projects, fire prevention was finished and adopted in November, 2004. The plan is updated annually through the completion of the Annual Report.

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## Sheriff’s Office: Integrated Fire Plan

Since the adoption of the plan, countless numbers of citizens, fire districts, county staff, and agency representatives have worked together to enhance the JCIFP and to help the County be successful in implementing fuels reduction projects, fire prevention education campaigns, and other fire-related programs. The planning approach directly involves the county’s rural fire protection districts as a way to reach citizens in the county. The plan assists the county in being more competitive for federal funding programs such as the Healthy Forests Restoration Act, the National Fire Plan and FEMA’s Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program.

Community information and education for both Josephine and Jackson County Fire Plans is collected on the Rogue Valley Fire Prevention Cooperative website. This site contains helpful information about community events, fire prevention and local laws regarding fire safety.

The Living With Wildfire homeowner’s guide helps citizens understand their wildfire risk. The guide provides information about what it means to live in the forest, as well as tools and information about how to decrease wildfire risk.

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## JO CO Sheriff’s Office

**JCIFP Sub-Committees** Josephine County Integrated Fire Plan has formed five committees to implement, sustain and monitor the JCIFP and other non-fire hazards. When appropriate, sub-committees have merged with their counterparts under the Jackson County Integrated Fire Plan as much of the work done is regional.

For more information on how to get involved with a committee, contact Josephine County Emergency Management at 541-474-5300.

Joint (Josephine & Jackson) Committees

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

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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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### *Justice System Exploratory Committee*

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### Jo Co Sheriff's Office Overview

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