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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>

**Meet the Sheriff**<sup>5</sup> Gil Gilbertson has approximately thirty-years of national and international experience as a law enforcement officer, trainer, advisor, and senior administrator, in both military and civilian police units.

A veteran of Viet Nam, he has served in the U.S. Navy, Air National Guard, Army National Guard, and the Army Reserve.

From 1975 to 1991 Gil was patrol and traffic officer, member of the special weapons tactical team, bomb squad, field-training officer, recovery diver, dispatcher, and jailer for the Waterloo, Iowa Police Department.

Between 1975 and 1996, Gil also served as a professional law enforcement instructor and advisor for the Special Tactics Association and the International Law Enforcement Training Group. He was certified as an instructor or expert in 53 areas of law enforcement, including testifying as an expert witness in "Use of Force" litigation. He has trained literally thousands of police personnel in universities, colleges, police academies, and in military units worldwide. He is also the author of several training manuals and the creator of a policing evaluation software program used in the development of police departments.

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## Meet The Sheriff

Beginning in 1996, Gilbertson served as the senior liaison for the International Police Task Force at Task Force Eagle, the American contingent of troops supporting the peacekeeping mission in Bosnia-Herzegovina. This was a country suffering from



**Sheriff Gil Gilbertson**

anarchy and a bloody civil war. Gilbertson later took charge of an intelligence fusion center sharing information between the International Police Task Force and N.A.T.O.

In October 1998, Gilbertson was sent to Kosovo under direction of the U.S.

Department of State. He assumed the position as

Chief of Operations for the United States Kosovo Diplomatic Observer Mission. His responsibility was to monitor police and military activity in accordance with the Dayton Peace Agreement. Recall that Kosovo was also a country in the midst of a violent war of ethnic cleansing.

Later, Gil took command of one of the four police stations within the capital city of Pristina, a city that exploded from a population of 250,000 to 750,000 within months. Anarchy and crime were the norm, not the exception. Despite this chaos, civil order was largely restored within two years. In this capacity, Gil supervised approximately 350 personnel.

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1. Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society (HNA&HS). July 9, 2013. *Justice System Exploratory Committee*. Hugo, OR.

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## JO CO Sheriff's Office

From 2002 to 2004 Gilbertson took command of Kosovo's National Highway Patrol as Chief of Traffic supervising 500 officers who patrolled an area three times the size as Josephine County with a population of over two million.

In 2005, Gil spent a short tour in Iraq advising the local bomb squads, and a national highway patrol. Later Gil joined a tactical team in New Orleans to secure and defend hospitals that had come under sniper attack in the chaos immediately following hurricane Katrina.

January of 2007, Gil was elected as Sheriff of Josephine County. He is presently serving his re-elected second term as of November 2010. **Gil:**  
**Additional couple sentence thoughts?**



**Gil & the Duke**

**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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