
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

VOLUNTEER UNIT: 66 VOLUNTEERS⁵ The Josephine County Sheriff's Office Volunteer Unit is a **non-profit organization** created to provide ancillary support services to the Sheriff's Office. **The Unit is governed by the Sheriff's Office and Unit By-Laws.**

The Unit has monthly meetings for its members every second Wednesday of the month to conduct Unit business and focused group training.

Volunteer Unit Services Today's Volunteer Unit provides a wide variety of services in the areas of crime prevention, community support, court and jail services, and emergency/disaster assistance.

Patrol Services Investigate reported abandoned vehicles and have them towed when necessary. Investigate litter complaints. **Patrol on a regular basis by vehicle; county parks, public boat ramps, college campuses, communities and special public events.** Security foot patrol at local school carnivals. Conduct home security checks submitted through the Sheriff's Office. Issue handicapped warning citations and public park non-fee payment warning citations.

1. Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society (HNA&HS). July 9, 2013. *Justice System Exploratory Committee*. Hugo, OR.
2. HNA&HS. July 24, 2013. *Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society's Mission*. Hugo, OR.
3. HNA&HS. July 9, 2013. *All Voters & Votes Are Legitimate*. Hugo, OR.
4. HNA&HS. July 24, 2013. *Government Needs Support*. Hugo, OR.

Sheriff's Office: Volunteer Unit

Neighborhood Watch Program Conduct presentations on the program for interested groups, including training workshops to help people start a program in their neighborhood. Provide follow-up assistance to ensure a program's effectiveness.

Child ID Program Conduct presentations on the program for interested groups. ID children upon request at various events and functions, and provide parents with a CD of the collected information.

Patrol Assist Team Gather information as requested by the investigating Officer(s) including fingerprints and physical evidence.

County Jail Provide various support services.

Court Security Provide security at the Grants Pass down town courthouse, remote courtrooms and the Family Courts.

Special Events Set up and staff the Sheriff's booth at county fairs and other events. Collect funds at various locations for the annual Josephine County Food Bank drive. Collect toys for the annual Toys for Tots Campaign. The Merlin and Cave Junction Substations service as collection points for the donated toys and the Unit provides security during distribution.

Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF) Investigate NSF check complaints, attempt funds recovery, and assist in obtaining records in lieu of prosecution by the District Attorney's Office.

5. Transcribed by the Hugo Justice System (HJS) Exploratory Committee, HNA&HS Downloaded August 26, 2013. *Josephine County Sheriff's Volunteers*. Hugo, OR. <http://jocosheriff.us/your-sheriffs-office/volunteers>

JO CO Sheriff's Office

Josephine County Emergency Company Phone Database Locate and contact all companies within the County's jurisdiction to obtain contact information and update the County's database.

Disaster Assistance In a disaster situation, provide support to law enforcement and emergency personnel (foot and vehicle patrol, traffic control, etc.) In the past the Volunteer Unit has assisted during a variety of disaster situations including power outages and major crash sites.

Administration Tasks Unit-related administrative services for the Sheriff's Office.

Staff Substations Through these substations the Sheriff's Office provides quick access to law enforcement and other types of assistance in response to local needs and concerns for businesses, residents and travelers. A wealth of assistance is available including local and county information, directions to a location, and finding lost children. There are three Sheriff's office substations strategically located in Josephine County (Merlin, Cave Junction and Murphy). **These substations are usually manned weekdays 10:00 am to 4:00 pm (the hours may vary based upon location and available personnel).**

Unit By-Laws?

2013 Operational Status (66 Volunteers)?

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

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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