
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

SEARCH AND RESCUE: 120 VOLUNTEERS⁵

The Sheriff is responsible for every search in Josephine County, as provided under ORS 404; therefore, every active member of this organization is deputized. Subsequently, only those of high moral standards and who are driven to help others are accepted.

Each active member has their own personal equipment with additions provided by the organization. Members of this organization are from all walks of life. They are willing to be on-call whenever needed, day or night. Josephine County Search and Rescue is an all-weather, versatile unit, equipped with everything needed to conduct a well organized search. The individuals have made themselves available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at little to no cost to the county.

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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: Search & Rescue

In addition to active duty members, Search and Rescue has specialty teams for specialized rescue situations. These teams include:

- The Dive Team
- The Mountain Rescue Unit
- Mounted SAR
- K9 Unit
- ATV and Snow Unit
- Communications Unit
- Building and Vehicle Maintenance Unit

In 2011, Search and Rescue volunteers donated 14,412 hours:

- 997 hours to public events
- 1,609 hours to SAR missions
- 11,806 hours to training and preparation

"So that others may live..."

Requirements for Members Every member of the Josephine County Sheriff's Search & Rescue Division must meet certain standards and training to ensure a safe and successful search and/or rescue. The standards are developed and maintained by the Oregon State Sheriff's Association (OSSA).

These certification standards are the minimum which meet state requirements of the Office of Emergency Management and still allow the flexibility for the specific needs or conditions in which our ground personnel operate. The OSSA certification standards are the minimum standards for SAR personnel who will be involved in the field with ground SAR operations as well.

JO CO Sheriff's Office

To obtain and maintain the Oregon State Search & Rescue Certification, each member must:

1. Obtain and maintain at least a Basic First Aid card (or better) and a valid Health Care Provider (CPR) card.
2. Successfully complete all performance objective skill tests and obtain a minimum score of 80 % on the written exam.
3. Obtain a SAR certification card signed by the Sheriff of the county where the member's SAR unit is based.
4. Attend at least 30 hours of continuing educations, approved by the Sheriff and/or SAR coordinator, each year in a field related to Search and Rescue; to include but not limited to:
 - Oregon Revised Statute 404
 - Radio communications
 - Map and compass (land navigation)
 - Search techniques and strategy
 - Crime scene security
 - Emergency survival skills
 - Incident Command System (ICS)
 - Man tracking
 - Helicopter safety

2013 Operational Status (120 Volunteers)?

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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>.

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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