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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”

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

**Patrol Division**<sup>5</sup> The Patrol division consists of 3 deputies who patrol rural Josephine County 8 hours a day, 5 days a week. [3 contract deputies: marine, federal forests, & City of Cave Junction? Zero (0 - 1?) deputies for rural patrol of private property?; Get agreement, contract, etc. for marine deputy]

Due to budget and staffing cuts, deputies are currently **Only Responding to in Progress, Life Threatening Emergencies.**

All other matters may be reported by calling 541-474-5123 and leaving a voice mail. The report will be logged for information. There will no deputy follow-up or investigation.

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## Contracted Patrol: Marine Unit

**MARINE UNIT**<sup>5</sup> The JO CO Sheriff’s Office, in partnership with the OR State Marine Board (OSMB), maintains a Marine Unit. The unit responds to calls for assistance on the waterways in JO CO, provides boat hull identification number inspections and provides training in boater safety.

The OSMB<sup>6</sup> titles and registers recreational vessels, which currently number more than 195,000 in OR. The OSMB also registers outfitters and guides and licenses ocean charter boats. It contracts with 31 CO Sheriff ’s Offices and the OR State Police for marine patrol services in OR. Law enforcement deputies are on the water to ensure safety and compliance with waterway rules and regulations.



All marine deputies have the authority to stop and board boats operating on state waters. Boaters committing such violations as excessive speed and wake, boating under the influence of intoxicants and unsafe/reckless operation will draw the attention of law enforcement and are likely to receive citations. Some situations may require arrest and police custody. The deputies conduct regular vessel safety checks to ensure that every boat has all the necessary safety equipment on board.

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## JO CO Sheriff’s Office

**JO CO Sheriff’s Marine Program**<sup>6</sup> The JO COP Marine Patrol has three rivers, which includes 52 miles of the mighty Rogue River. The program transitioned from two year round full-time deputies to one full time deputy. This reduction is due to budget cuts and reduction in funds allocated by the OSMB. With the amount of heavy whitewater on our rivers we are fortunate to have several different types of crafts that include two sled boats, a raft and a drift boat. The Rogue River has a huge number of private float traffic and commercial guides during the summer months.



The JO CO Marine Patrol has recently regionalized with the Jackson County Marine Patrol, which allows JO CO to draw some resources from Jackson County when needed. This pilot project to share marine resources is expected to be operational by this summer. Marine Board funding for 2013 was \$175,114 which is just slightly down from 2009. In 2012, there were 4,494 boater registrations, 11 citations issued and no boating under the influence arrests as compared to 2009 where there were 4,679 boater registrations, 48 citations issued and one boating under the influence arrests. There were two reported accidents in 2012 resulting in two deaths and vessel damage.

**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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