
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

MISSION, VISION, GOALS, BUDGET⁵ JO CO “Your Sheriff’s Office”

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

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.

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

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Contracted Patrol: City Of Cave Junction

*Four Deputies Remain for Josephine County*⁵ CAVE JUNCTION, Ore. — Four deputies are left to protect Josephine County and three of them are paid for by, and dedicated to, specific entities like the BLM or the city of Cave Junction.

When the criminal justice tax levy failed last year, NewsWatch12 followed one of the remaining deputies patrolling the county. When a similar tax levy failed again this year, it meant that Josephine County was only going to be funding one sheriff’s patrol deputy. Deputies say criminals aren’t losing any speed, but rather they’re gaining momentum.

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Deputy Travis Snyder is covering the Cave Junction area. That position is contracted by the city of Cave Junction. Two other contracts are for BLM and the river area. The fourth deputy is for the rest of the county.

Deputy Snyder says, what was once a dozen calls a shift for that fourth deputy, has more than doubled. Today, there are over 26 pending calls for service for that patrol deputy. Deputy Snyder says he can serve as back-up, but since his position is contracted, he is limited to move around the county. He says it’s not just the community who feels helpless, but himself.

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Continued “It’s hard not generate a negative view of the county. Because it seems like every day we’re becoming more and more out of control with criminal activity. You know, I don’t just work in this community but I live in this community. It’s hard to be proud of a community that’s being overrun by criminal activity,” said Deputy Snyder.

Since there are only four deputies, many of those calls for service are put on hold, sometimes for several days. Deputies say most of them are difficult to follow-up on. They also believes many of the criminals in Josephine County know when deputies are working and commit crimes around their shifts.

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Get agreement, contract, etc.?

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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