
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, BUDGET JO CO “Your Sheriff’s Office”

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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.

Evidence Unit⁵ The Josephine County Sheriff’s Office preserves and maintains evidence that comes into its possession for the purpose of proving guilt or innocence in a court of law. It also receives found or recovered stolen property for safekeeping. The handling and storage of evidence is a very serious matter. If not done properly, many taxpayer dollars are wasted with investigations and court costs.

Approximately 5,000 pieces of new property come into the department each year and it is staffed by one full-time employee.

This unit serves the citizens of this and other counties, the courts, District Attorney’s office, Juvenile and Corrections departments, patrol, detectives, the OSP crime lab, lawyers, insurance companies and federal agencies.

Sheriff’s Office: Evidence Unit

The Evidence Unit supports investigations, assists in successful prosecution at criminal and civil trials, facilitates the timely return of property to its rightful owners and, in doing so, maintains the public's confidence and trust.

A great deal of found property comes into the Sheriff’s Office. We do our best to locate the owners of found or recovered stolen property that comes into our custody. You can help us by maintaining a current listing of items in your residence with their description and serial number or take pictures of your valuables and store them on a CD. Remember to keep a printed copy of this list in case of theft of your computer. NEVER keep your only copy of this list or your pictures on your computer, because, in the event that your home is burglarized, your computer is a target for thieves.

For any questions regarding Property and/or Evidence, please contact our Evidence Specialist at (541) 474-5128 or by e-mail at klee@co.josephine.or.us

JO CO Sheriff’s Office

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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JO CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE: EVIDENCE UNIT

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Jo Co Sheriff's Office Overview

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