

Josephine (JO) County (CO) Justice System (JS) & Public Safety Services (PSS)

JO CO Justice System & Public Safety Services¹⁻²
The 2012 expiration of federal funding for services resulted in two JO CO proposed levies as a solution. They both failed. *“Is JO CO providing a minimally adequate level of PSS?”*

May 29, 2012 The number of JO CO patrol deputy positions will drop from 24.5 to six. Three of those are contract deputies. That leaves two deputies and a sergeant for the rest of the county.^{2A}

October 17, 2012 O'BRIEN, Ore. -- The JO CO Sheriff's Office has been reduced by budget cuts to three deputies on **patrol** eight hours a day, five days a week.³

May 11, 2013 JO CO Sheriff Gilbertson cut his staff from 98 to 37. Deputies are only on **patrol** between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on weekdays.⁴

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1 Deputy or 0 Deputies Left, Down From 24.5

May 16, 2012 Layoff notices to 70 of 98 Sheriff's Office employees; 20 of 30 Juvenile Department employees and eight of 24 District Attorney employees. The sheriff's **28-person patrol** division is expected to be **cut to four**: the sheriff and three deputies under contract for patrol.⁵

May 16, 2012 Sheriff Gilbertson said he himself will respond to calls, with possible backup from three deputies obligated by outside contracts.⁶

In the following analysis the 3 contract deputies are a wash and normally not available for rural private property patrol (i.e., not included in analysis).

	JO CO Patrol Deputies		
May 29, 2012	21.5	to	3
October 17, 2012	Cut	to	3
	Patrol 8hr/day		5 days/wk
May 11, 2013	Patrol 8 am - 4 pm		wk days
May 16, 2012	25	to	1
June 6, 2013	Cut	to	0
June 29, 2013	Cut	to	0
July 5, 2013	22	to	1
2012 - 2013	19	to	0

June 6, 2013 Last month's defeat of two public safety levies has made the provision of essential services almost untenable. A story that went viral recently recounts how a JO CO woman about to be burglarized and sexually assaulted called 911 and was told by the dispatcher that the CO couldn't send anyone to help.⁷

10. JO CO Sheriff's Office. 2012. *2011 vs. 2012 Staffing By Operational Division Of The JO CO Sheriff's Office* (Statistical Analysis Report). Grants Pass, OR.

JO CO Sheriff's Rural Patrol: Statistical Analysis

June 29, 2013 JO COP has rolled law enforcement staffing back to the point that 911 calls receive responses that amount to, "Good luck taking care of yourself." Already, the CO has long stretches of time **without patrol coverage**.⁸

July 5, 2013 With the fiscal year that started on July 1, the JO CO Sheriff's Office now has exactly one deputy left available for general calls in a county of 83,000 people — down from a high of 22 at full staffing a few years ago.⁹

2012 - 2013 JO CO rural patrol positions was technically from 22 to 3. The 3 contracted patrol deputies for the City of Cave Junction, rivers, and federal forests are not for private property Rural Patrol. Therefore, Rural Patrol for rural private property went from 19 personnel to 0 (zero) (Chart 1; Table 1).

Table 1. JO CO Staffing By Public Safety Service: 2011 - 2012

Sheriff's Office	98	to	18	(18%)
Admin.	3	to	2	(67%)
Detectives	4	to	0	(0%)
Patrol	22	to	0	(0%)
Contract	4.5	to	3	(67%)
Civil	3.5	to	2	(57%)
Support	13	to	2.5	(19%)
Evidence	1.5	to	1	(67%)
Juvenile Dept	30	to	20	(67%)
District Attorney	24	to	16	(67%)

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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JO CO SHERIFF'S "RURAL PATROL"

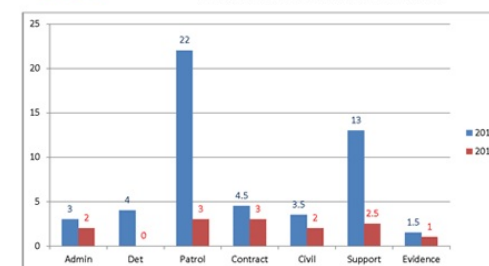
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Statistical Analysis



JOSEPHINE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Statistical Analysis Report

2011 VS. 2012 STAFFING BY OPERATIONAL DIVISION



The above chart show staffing by section/unit within the Operations Division for FY2011 and FY2012, the total reduction from 2011 to 2012 was 38 employees. (The above information does not include Jail staffing)

Chart 1. 2011 vs. 2012 Staffing By Operational Division Of The JO CO Sheriff's Office
(Statistical Analysis Report)

What is an adequate level of PSS? According to HB 3453 and all media coverage the minimally adequate standard is historical costs, or approximately 12 million annually for the JO CO Sheriff's Office.

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