

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

### JO CO Justice System & Public Safety Services<sup>1-4</sup>

The 2012 expiration of federal funding for services resulted in two JO CO proposed levies as a solution. They both failed.

*Changing Federal County Payments and Rural Oregon Counties*<sup>5</sup>, an OSU “working paper.” The specific objectives of this brochure are starting to understand JO CO and staff changes from loss of federal forest payments.

### Policy Decisions Changes For Josephine County In “Staff” Levels As A Result Of Changes In Federal Funding Payments: 2005 - 2009

**Chapter 6, Section 6.b.1.** *Changing Federal County Payments and Rural Oregon Counties: Analysis of Policy Impacts and Responses from Loss of Secure Rural School Funding in Selected Oregon Counties.*<sup>6</sup>

#### Chapter 6. Policy Decisions By County Government: 2005 - 2009

Ch. 6.b. Changes In Staff Levels

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5. Gaid, Dawn Marie, October 2009. *Changing Federal County Payments and Rural Oregon Counties: Analysis of Policy Impacts and Responses from Loss of Secure Rural School Funding in Selected Oregon Counties*. RSP 09-04. (134 pages). OSU's Rural Studies Program. Working Paper Series.

## Policy Decisions By JO CO: 2005 - 2009

**Changes In Staff Levels**<sup>6</sup> Staff levels declined along with revenues and expenditures between FY 2004-2005 and FY 2008-2009, reflecting the efforts by county government to adjust to the loss of SRS payments (see Table 13 for selected portions of total table). During this time period, full-time equivalencies (FTE) declined from 615 to 384, a 38 percent change.

- Sheriff
- District Attorney
- Juvenile Justice
- Adult Corrections
- Public Health
- Public Works

**Sheriff**<sup>6</sup> Reductions in staff level began as early as 2000 when the department had 118 FTE; in FY 2004-2005, there were 89 FTE compared to 79 FTE in FY 2008-2009, a decrease of 11 percent. While most of the units in the department have experienced declines in staffing, most notable are the patrol and jail units. The patrol unit decreased by 7 percent between FY 2004-2005 and FY 2008-2009, from 21 to 18 FTE, respectively. The adult jail staff has decreased by 18 percent, from 40 to 33 FTE, for the same time period.

6. Chapter 6, Section 6.a.1. *Changing Federal County Payments and Rural Oregon Counties: Analysis of Policy Impacts and Responses from Loss of Secure Rural School Funding in Selected Oregon Counties*. Policy Decisions By Josephine County As A Result Of Changes In Federal Funding Payments: 2005 - 2009. Transcribed by the Hugo Exploratory Committee; Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society. Hugo, OR.

7. The New York Times. July 5, 2013. *In Oregon, a Demand for Safety, but Not on Their Dime*

## JO CO Changes In Staff From Loss Of Federal Forest Payments

**Table 13: Josephine County FTE: FY 04-05 to FY 08-09<sup>6</sup>**

	04-05	05-06	06-07	07-08	08-09	% Chg
• Public Safety	140	139	146	142	121	-14%
• Sheriff	89	86	88	87	79	-11%
• D.A.	21	22	23	22	22	5%
• Juvenile Justice	30	31	35	33	31	3%

### Different Sources

**July 5, 2013** With the fiscal year that started on July 1, the Josephine County 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.<sup>7</sup>

**FY 2011 vs. Fy 2012** Rural patrol 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).<sup>8</sup>

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

8. 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.

## 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 cost 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 "STAFF" CHANGES FROM LOSS OF FEDERAL FOREST PAYMENTS: POLICY DECISIONS: 2005 - 2009

### OSU'S Rural Studies Program & JS&PPS Documents

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