

**Summary Highlights: JO CO's Minimally Adequate Level
Of Public Safety Services (MALPSS) Research Project**
(Public Outreach 5.5)

Justice System & Public Safety Services Study Design: 2015 (Study Design)
Appendix B4. Josephine County's Minimally Adequate Level of Public Safety Services (MALPSS) Standards
Appendix D1. Impact Methodology Model

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What are the applicable PSS? They can be as many, or as few, as a local government decides. The Association of Oregon Counties and the State of Oregon identified 20 types of PSS, and three categories of funding. The three funding categories are: 1. State provided, 2. State/County shared and provided, and 3. County provided.

What were the PSS proposed for increased funding in the last four levies and the sales tax proposal from 2012 through 2015? These five taxing proposals focused on what are usually considered to be the six major components of the county's public safety program, most of which are county provided.

1. Adult Jail.
2. Juvenile Justice Center.
3. District Attorney's Office.
4. Rural Patrol Deputies.
5. Criminal Investigations & Related Sheriff's Office Support Services.
6. Animal Protection.

What are the legal MALPSS' concepts? There are at least seven legal MALPSS concepts (2013 Oregon House Bill 3453; ORS 203.095; ORS 203.100; and ORS 203.105).

What is the difference between an emergency, adequate, normal, or optimal level of PSS? How far will people go to get the best available outcomes. What will one sacrifice for the best? Many things in life are relative and to achieve the best in one thing might mean giving something else up. A normative level of PSS might be considered to be the normal or correct way of doing something (i.e., perhaps a compromise between adequate and optimal?). However, defining normal is difficult . . . normal today, or normal yesterday? Normal prior to 2012 or normal in 2015? Knowing what is correct is even more difficult. Correct according to whom? Whose professional experience opinion, and/or facts, determine the definition of "correct."

What is a MALPSS Impact Methodology Model? A professional opinion from an experienced practitioner is usually very good, but it is also normally without documented, and publically available facts, inventories, or analysis. It is more about trusting the practitioner rather than understanding the facts. The purpose of a MALPSS Impact Methodology Model, covers three topics: 1. procedural requirements, 2. impact methods, and 3. contract compliance impact methodology (*Appendix D1. Impact Methodology Model*). Impact methods are focused on carrying capacity as defined by concepts of thresholds (often called indicators and standards).

The research project requires a MALPSS Impact Methodology Model for the applicable levels of PSS that addresses the PSS in a scientific, documented, and publicly accessible way. The model has five elements: 1. PSS problem/issue, 2. impact, 3. indicator, 4. standard, and 5. significance determination.

Table Public Outreach 5.5-1. MALPSS Framework For Public Safety Services (PSS)			
Level of PSS	Acronym	Indicators	Standards
Optimal Level	OL PSS	Best available outcomes; includes discretionary services?	
Normative Level	NL PSS	Compromise between adequate and optimal; (pre-2012 level of PSS)?	
Adequate Level	AL PSS	Personnel structures & staffing models; police service methodologies?	
Minimally Adequate Level	MAL PSS	MALPSS?	
Less than Adequate Level	LTAL PSS	Less than sufficient to satisfy a requirement/ meet a need?	
Inadequate Level	IL PSS	Insufficient for a purpose?	
Emergency Level	EL PSS	Public Safety Fiscal Emergency (PSFE)?	

What is a MALPSS Framework For PSS? The MALPSS Framework for PSS research project being recommended by the Committee would be conducted by an independent researcher, concerning a non-legal level of services model based on a scientific methodology which included the analysis components of, problems/issues, indicators, and standards. It is not so much about the answer as about an independent, neutral, documented, analysis procedure, that can be publicly debated.

Independent Researcher. The goal of *Study Design* and *Study* is independence of a direct government controlled agenda toward the objectives of credibility addressing all concerns of citizen identified issues and components of the affected conditions, design of alternative solutions, and impacts of those potential solutions.

Benefits of Public Understanding MALPSS Standards is the simple belief that the benefits of common accurate facts to better explain the Problem/Issue is worth the effort. Strategies to combat misinformation are worth trying, within the framework that all citizens, voters, and votes are legitimate. Legitimacy has powerful hopes. The Committee believes the MALPSS concept is sound as an educational methodology tool to assist counties in fiscal distress, whether it is actually implemented, or not (i.e., educational tool for public to have the opportunity to understand in a scientific documented way versus relying on professional opinions alone). For example, the simple potential to provide a framework of understanding is significant in realizing where JO CO's public safety program is in the scheme of things. Are we above an emergency level of PSS, or below? Are the JO CO's PSS adequate, or less than adequate? And, just as important, where is the science and/or facts supporting the professional opinions of adequacy?

In summary, a scientific study of the MALPSS standards used to proclaim a public safety fiscal emergency when fiscal conditions compromise JO CO's ability to provide a *minimally adequate level of public safety services* would help answer the question, "*Is there a problem?*"