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Press Release

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Incident: Strategic Planning Meetings for Citizen's Input

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The Josephine County Sheriff's Office is in the process of creating a 20 year strategic plan. A well-considered plan requires all the creativity and analysis we can muster. We have surveyed the employees of Josephine County and are now scheduling meetings with the public. The Sheriff's Office obtained a random sample of citizens names and addresses from the County Clerk's office. Those 1200 citizens have been sent postcards inviting them to attend strategic planning meetings.

In those meetings, the citizens will identify what levels of service they would like to see, rank those services in importance and develop a timeline when the goals need to be met. Next, they'll discuss funding methods for achieving the service levels they've identified. The citizens will be given a survey to complete, similar to the employee survey, to complete during the meeting or to take home to complete. The information gathered from these meetings will be instrumental in the development of a 20 year strategic plan.

Because there has been a great interest in these meetings, we will hold additional meetings where all citizens can attend. The 1200 randomly selected citizens' results will be calculated separately as they are representative of the community as a whole, but we want to provide everyone an opportunity to help shape our future. We're setting up the meetings by appointment to keep the size of each group productive.

You can call 474-5112 to set an appointment to attend one of these meetings. There are several days already reserved for the randomly selected citizens, but all citizens can attend the Grants Pass meetings on Monday, December 17th at 10:00 am, 1:00 pm and 3:30 pm. In Cave Junction, all citizens can attend the meeting on Sunday December 16th at 10:00 am. In Merlin, anyone can attend the meeting on Wednesday 18th at 5:00 pm. If more dates are required, more will be made available. Again, please call to sign up for a meeting.