

## Medford Police Department

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To whom it may concern,

As a Medford Police Officer for 25 years, I would like to share my experiences with our Jackson County Treatment Courts. The harsh reality of police work in Jackson County is that we deal with the same group of criminals over and over. The far majority of criminals we arrest are either motivated by drug addiction or it is a contributing factor. Even though our local criminals can accumulate quite a list of charges over the months or years they are engaging in addiction and criminal activity, they seldom see any real jail time. The process repeats itself until someone or something breaks that cycle.

Jackson County Treatment Courts have been the one thing I have seen break this cycle, often times for good. Offenders that we used to arrest several times a year are now contributing members of society. Getting just one person clean and off of drugs can make a difference in crime in our community. Getting a handful, or even dozens of offenders on the right path, can have a dramatic effect on crime in our valley.

We have a great working relationship with our Jackson County Treatment Courts, the main reason being that their programs really work.

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