

**We look out for  
each other!**

Fern Ridge

Lane County, Oregon



# A citizens' initiative

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2016-2017 and beyond

# Fern Ridge Community Policing District

Lane County

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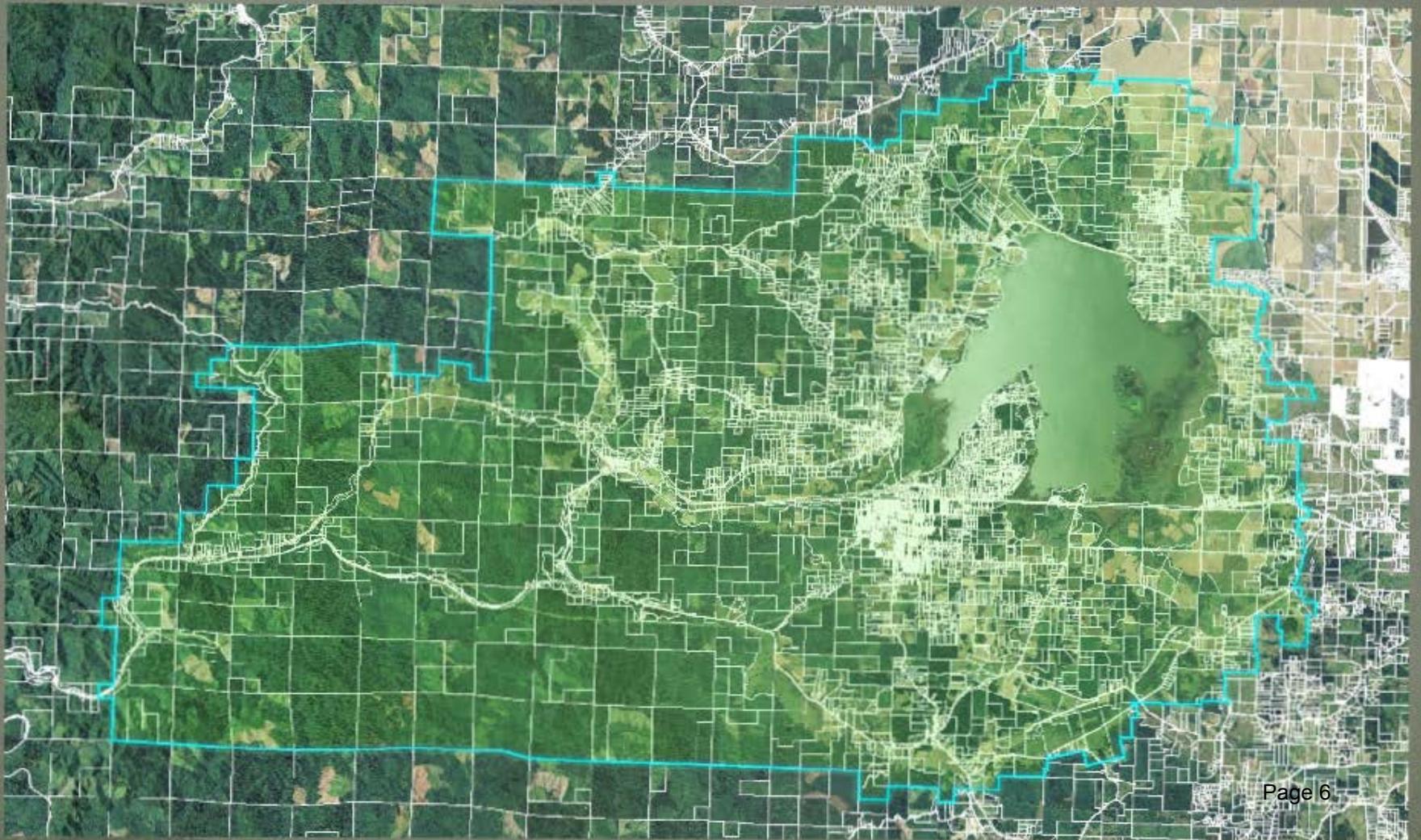
# Fern Ridge Community Policing District: This is possible

- 24/7 coverage with 2 deputies on duty +
- School resource deputy
- Community service deputy
- Full time Sgt
- 3 jail beds
- Full time deputy DA
- Rural patrols - response
- Cahoots active in district
- Fern Ridge Youth Corps
- Citizens advisory group
- Expanded Fern Ridge Patrol Group
- Expanded Neighborhood Watch
- Community Policing
- Improved EMT response (when deputy must be first)

# A “Special District”

- Created by the residents of our local communities to meet current and future needs for the specific purpose of policing. Governed by Lane County Commissioners and appointed Board of advisors- citizens from within the District.
- ? Member of Oregon Association of Special Districts – Insured.

Adding value to more residents!  
(subject to revision... Work in process.)



# Covers.

Crow

Veneta

Elmira

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Walton

Alvadore

Fern Ridge Communities.

Adding value

# Need

- Rural Patrols – deputy coverage entire district and expanded City patrol
- Valuable School Resource Deputy & Community Service Deputy
- Deputy support/back up
- Improved EMT response time (deputy on scene first)
- Help youth and “at risk” individuals
- Reverse/curb drug activity and crime
- 24/7 coverage - 2 deputies on duty + Sgt + Resource Deputies

# How

- 10 Patrol deputies
- 2 Resource deputies
  - 1 Schools
  - 1 Community Service (FRYC)
    - Overlap and working with each other
- 1 full time SGT
- Expand Neighborhood Watch
  - Fern Ridge Patrol Group
  - Community policing activities
  - Continue to add value for every district resident!

# WHY?

- Our communities are at high risk!
  - NO long term federal, state, county or local solutions developed or upcoming
  - NO coverage outside of Veneta City limits
  - One deputy on duty only 20 hours per day and only covering Veneta City residents under contract
  - Risk high with no deputy back up/support
  - NO school coverage (resource deputy) for K-12
  - NO community youth program for at risk individuals
  - Significant meth and heroin problems are taking value from us.

# How things work today

- Only 1 deputy on duty – no back up deputy
- We do have times when NO deputy is on duty. Four hours each day with no coverage.
- Only covered under contract in Veneta
- No valuable School resource deputy
- LCSO Contract Governed by Veneta City Council
- Virtually no rural patrols
- Limited SO hours to curb/reverse drug activity.
- Fern Ridge area resident perceptions are our reality!

# Existing safe zones for criminals

- No rural deputy presence provides a buffer zone for criminal activity
- Leaving a defend it myself mentality
- Provides poor data – crime not being reported
- No more taxes for more of same
- Schools are at risk

High costs of vandalism/destruction to personal and public property

# What if?

- Active shooter at Crow High School
- Drugs are being delivered directly to Elmira Schools
- Valuable deputy back up is minutes away
- Any number of Schools in District with little protection
- It's not limited to High School
- We wait.

# A time for change!



- Is this somebody you know/value ?
  - Daughter
  - Mom
  - Niece
  - Friend
  - Sister
  - Neighbor
  
- The impact of Meth and Heroin in Lane County can be seen on a simple drive you take not far from home.

# PLUS

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Taking the development and accountability of young residents seriously!

# At risk youth

- Drugs - infecting our communities and taking value away from our properties...
- Responsibility – is saying enough is enough
- Community Service and empowerment
- Opportunity - choices
- Changing trends – No longer “friendly turf”
- Valuable graduation and in school retention rates improved!

# Fern Ridge Youth Corp

- Supervised by Resource deputy
  - Resident volunteers
  - Citizen Board of Directors
  - Non-Profit
- Age's 13-19 (3 ways to join)
  - Progressive community Service or court ordered:
    - Identified at risk youth (School resource deputy)
      - Valuable Community Service special projects
    - Parent/Guardian enrolled – self enroll
      - Valuable Community Service special projects
    - Court ordered
      - LCSO litter patrol - Fern Ridge Communities

The Youth Corps will provide opportunities for Fern Ridge area teens to develop a sense of community involvement through personal accomplishment, teamwork and service to the county. Participants, aged 13-19, will be completing projects for the Fern Ridge Communities rural environment and towns.

Corps members will benefit by learning strong work habits, new skills and the value of environmental and civic stewardship. County departments, municipalities and towns benefit from the maintenance tasks and tangible outcomes such as new trails and other projects around our Fern Ridge District.

# Court ordered

- LCSO Fern Ridge area litter patrol
  - Supervised by Resource Deputy
- The Sheriff's work crew program is an alternative to incarceration which is available to appropriate offenders who are sentenced to custody of the Sheriff for a short period of time or who are sentenced to do their time on weekends. These offenders are authorized by furlough from the Sheriff to return to their residence at the end of each day.
- Valuable alternatives for accountability!

# Trade for Grades!!

- Youth Corps member will have a Trade for Grades option:
  - Qualifying hours of Community Service projects can be traded for work study hours or approved extra curricular activity.
  - Approved by School Resource Deputy and School Counselor.
  - Continuation of Trade for Grades will be results' based and will depend on cooperation of school counselor, student, parent or guardian and resource deputy.
  - Set bench marks for individual...

# After completing a successful Community Service program

- Youth Corps members can qualify for
  - Paid Internships – Valuable workforce training
  - Continue on in Education (LCC or Trade)

Via:

- Corporate partners
- Grants
  
- Work crew court ordered member can be placed in progressive Youth Corp service by resource deputy

We have made some valuable progress  
but it's not enough!

- Go rural!



**Fern Ridge  
Neighborhood Watch**



**We look out for each other!**

- **Veneta Crime Watch Group**
- **Fern Ridge Patrol Group**
- **City of Veneta**
- **Lane County Sheriff's Office**

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- Fern Ridge Community Policing District will have 3 jail beds dedicated under contract 24/7 at Lane County jail

Lane County Sheriff's office currently contracts jail beds with both Eugene and Springfield.

## Jail

Our citizens having a valuable say in the process

- District will have 1 full time deputy district attorney assigned.
- Expand use of community service for
  - Capacity based releases
  - Pre-trial services release
- REAP program; re-launched under special agreement which could in effect cut down DDA hours for County and as such for Fern Ridge Community Policing District.

DA

Paying attention to cases that matter within the District!

# How paid

- Citizens living inside the District
- .xxx/1000 assessed property value
- Assessors detail:
  - INSERT...

# Estimate

- Fern Ridge Policing District

	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
LCSO	1,300,000	2,400,000	2,520,000	2,646,000	2,778,300
Jail	65,000	129,000	135,450	142,223	149,334
DDA	70,000	140,000	147,000	169,050	177,502
Cahoots	25,000	50,000	52,500	55,125	57,881
Admin					
REV/REQ	1,460,000	2,719,000	2,854,950	3,012,398	3,163,017

# Start-ups

	FRCPD 2016	
Start-ups		
County		40,000
VCW		7,500
Cahoots		75,000
Sub-Station		300,000

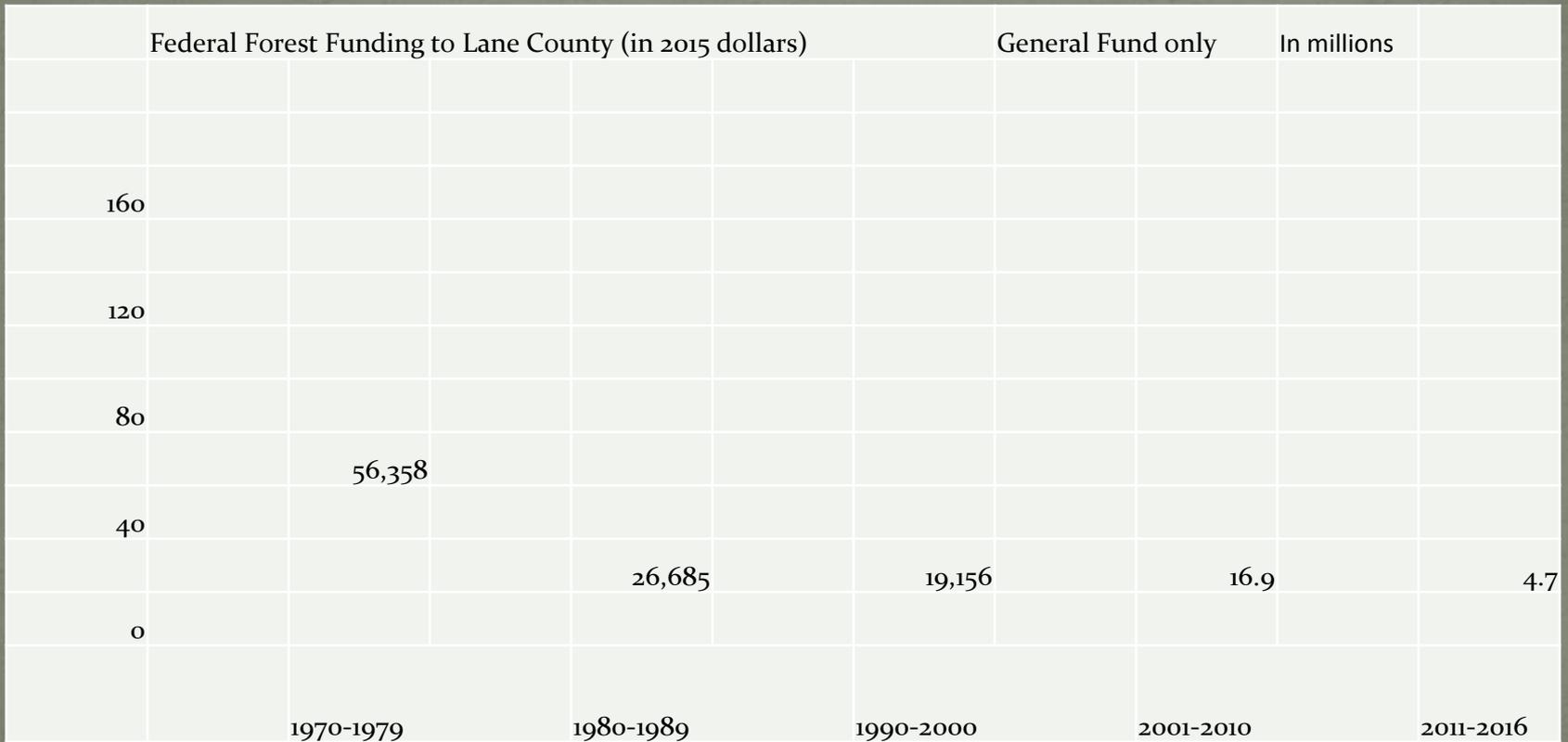
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Total	422,500
TAX REQ	1,460,000
TAX REV	
Total sum	1,882,500
Reserve REQ	

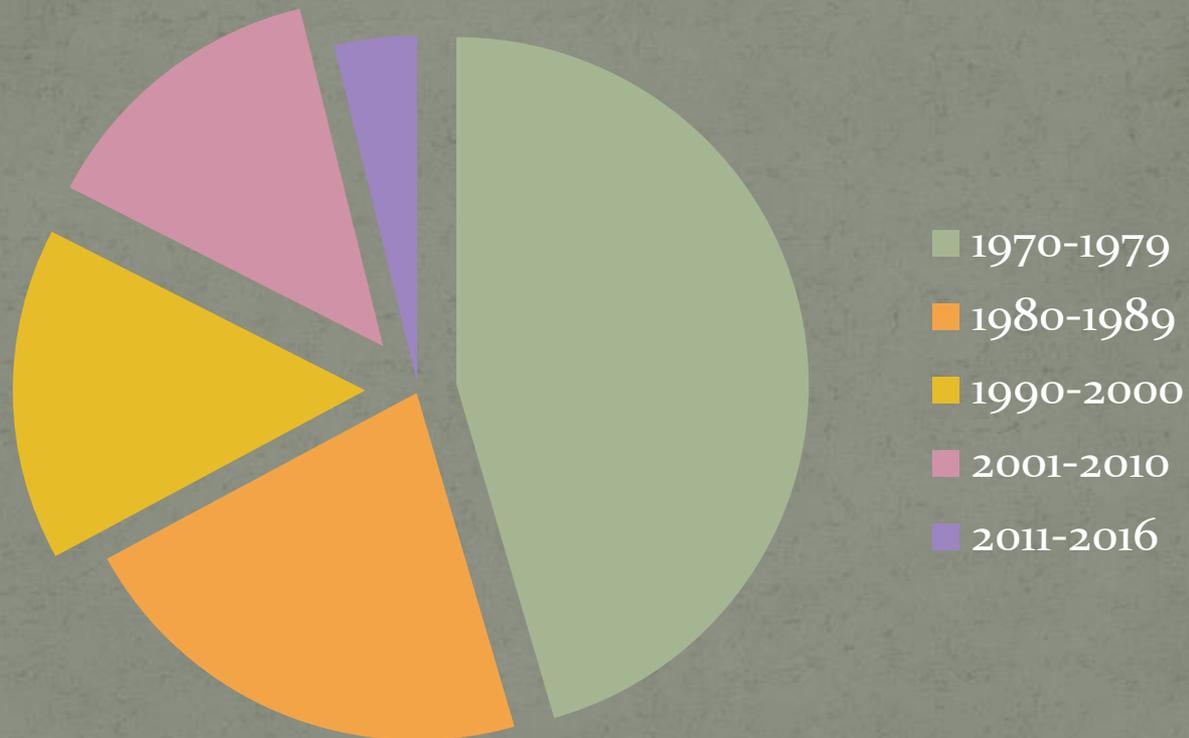
# Future cuts – Population growth

- What is happening in Lane County?
  - How have we lost valuable resources...
- 2016-2017 and beyond
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- Population in 2020 \_\_\_\_\_ Are we ready? Prepared?
- What we do now will shape our growth!

# Lost timber revenue



## Timber funds



# Get and Demand what you pay for and Value

- Who is in control?
  - The citizens and taxpayers of this district.
  - Citizens Advisory Board
  - LCSO
  - Governed by the Lane County Board of Commissioners.
- How does it work?
  - Under long-term contract with LCSO
- How is it funded?
  - Permanent tax rate (Can not be changed in future without being voted upon)

# Moving Forward.

## Coverage

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- 24 hour patrol/coverage within district and 2 on duty
- Rural roads/ neighbors are covered
- Deputy response
- Crime deterred
- Pressure on criminal activity (drugs )  
DA engaged under agreement + community service for offenders...

## Value Added

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- Resource deputies in schools and in communities
- Expanded drug enforcement activity
- District will have 3 jail beds under contract
- Community growth
- A voice!!
- Fern Ridge Youth Corp.

# Next Steps

- A valuable proposal for us
  - Ballot
  - 2016-2017
  - Voter approved within District (May 2016)
  - Contracts/agreements – in place
  - Launch - July 2016
  - More...

# Continued

- Ramp up for coverage (2016- 2017)
  - What value we will get and when under contracts
    - LCSO – policing
    - Jail
    - DA
    - Fern Ridge Youth Corp
  - Terms for Permanent tax rate

# Final Steps

- Talk about it
  - Town hall type meetings – late Oct 2015
  - Establish PAC – Collaborate with Citizens for a Safer Lane County PAC
  - Social media
  - Prof media – WIP/Consultant
  - Endorsed – Joint Statements
- Sell it...
- Adding value...
- **VOTE FOR IT!!**