

Traditional policing methods in dealing with those in a mental health crisis do not work. Time and time again, we see fatal outcomes where brute strength and guns are not needed. We can't continue to operate in the same manner and expect different results. The state of Oregon needs to support communities in pursuing a different and proven method, with a CAHOOTS-type response team in Southern Oregon. Such a team will represent the best about our values as a state, giving the appropriate care to those in need. Please support this much needed legislation to give matching funds to our region. Thank you!