

The Michigan State University (MSU) School of Criminal Justice partnered with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) to focus on public safety consolidation:

<http://policeconsolidation.msu.edu>.

Professor Jeremy Wilson, PhD, is the director of the program on Police Consolidation and Shared Services at MSU. His team's research focuses on evaluating the organization of public safety departments, the short- and long-term costs and benefits of consolidation, consolidation's effect on community policing, and how employees respond when the nature of their jobs change.

We encourage everyone to take a look-see, particularly at the studies related to contracted services and mergers of fire and police entities (successful and failed). Whatever your position, the MSU policy center offers useful information for every type of stakeholder.