

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

The NFPA is on record against PSOs. After studying the issue for many years, the NFPA released commentary that reads:

We are convinced that there is no advantage, either from the point of view of economy or efficiency, in combining police and fire department functions. It is our considered opinion that a community needs both good police service and good fire service and that the combination of the two results in poorer police service and poorer fire service.

An NFPA representative further reported,

“It is our observation that when fire and police departments are combined, the fire department suffers more than the police department and that the overall fire protection of the community is not at the proper level.”