



POLICE STATION

Fairbanks, Alaska

CLIENT
City of Fairbanks

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SIZE
21,000-sf

COST
\$7.1 million

YEAR COMPLETED
2002

This project consisted of complete architectural and engineering design services for a 21,000-sf police station. The project began with a needs assessment for both current and future space based on population growth and recommended ratios of police to population. Three design concepts were developed. The selected concept is a two-story building, with future expansion capability provided in second level plaza decks.

Moveable shelving systems maximize records and evidence archives. There are four vehicle bays for forensics, maintenance, supervisor, and sally port functions. The state-of-the-art dispatch center is designed to serve as the central dispatch for the Tanana Valley. Other elements include public lobby, administration offices, report writing area, briefing room/Emergency Operations Center (EOC) holding and interview rooms, investigations suite, lockers, exercise room, as well as secure armory and tactical equipment storage areas. Administration, patrol, evidence, briefing, vehicles bays, and holding facilities are located on the first floor; dispatch, lockers, fitness and investigations are on second floor. Mechanical rooms are on two floors, plus a penthouse. The emergency generator, sized to operate the entire building, is on the first floor.

One of the design challenges was the interface with the adjacent City Hall, which has a very distinctive art deco style. The exterior design for the Police Station was to complement that style, but not mimic it. By using the same setback distance, a strong horizontal base, modulating the parapet heights to pick up the theme of its neighbor and using a complementary color scheme, a project was realized that has enjoyed wide acceptance from both the public and the Police Department.



1. Exterior
2. Interior
3. Central dispatch
4. Entrance