



POLICE STATION AND JAIL

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The new 28,000-sf Kodiak Police Station is a government building that doesn't look like a government building – that was part of the concept – and is similar to an office building. Office areas and multi-purpose areas are a major portion of the space, as well as lobbies and other support spaces.

The building was planned to provide complete separation between the major functions of the facility. The materials used on and in the building were chosen based on their comparative economy and durability, but they are put together in such a way as to provide visual enjoyment to the occupants and visitors. To reach this goal the owner and users were brought in early during the design process. The major colors and design ideas for the spaces and building were presented to the users and city representatives. The group was asked to pick the colors from a selection of predesigned matches. A similar presentation was made for the interiors. The outcome was a spectacular success and one in which the users and city had complete ownership.

Through the creative use of translucent walls, ceilings, and clerestory windows, interior spaces that are ordinarily windowless have access to daylight and views. These ideas support the concept that light and color is important in the dark Alaska winters. The building will be the first LEED certified facility on Kodiak Island.



1. Police Station exterior
2. Interior waiting area
3. Kodiak Police Force
4. Translucent panels allow light into the building, while maintaining privacy