




Central Booking And Intake Facility Baltimore Detention Center Baltimore, Maryland

The Baltimore Detention Center had a capacity of 3,100 inmates and was expanded with this project. The Central Booking and Intake Facility is located on a very tight site adjacent to the Main Detention Center. Because of the proximity to the main facility and the potential for shared services, there is a direct, separate, and secure entry to the complex.

The first of five floors includes facility support, food service, staff support areas, transport staging and the public lobby. The second floor contains the central intake and booking functions, visitation, and facility administration. Three housing towers rise from the lower two floors and have two housing units per floor. The central booking area can process up to 60,000 arrestees per year. Operational and design features include:

- work areas and support services for arresting officers to reduce their off-the-road time;
- separate flow patterns for intake, release, transports and internal transfer;
- a judicial processing area for initial hearings in the reception housing units; and
- work areas for court commissioners, pretrial release staff, public defenders, and the State's attorney.

Fifteen of the sixteen housing units consist of 25 double cells arranged in a podular design allowing for direct supervision. The remaining unit is for special management inmates and consists of 25 single cells clustered into four housing units. The general population units have shared adjacent outdoor recreation areas. All of the housing units have a medical exam/interview room and laundry room thus reducing inmate movement.

 The Baltimore Detention Center (City Jail Expansion) received recognition from the American Institute of Architects Committee in the 1989 *Architecture for Justice Exhibition*.

Voorhis Associates, Inc. developed a pre-architectural program for the Central Booking and Intake Facility. The facility serves as central intake for all police bookings, consolidating this function that previously occurred in ten district stations. Initial court hearings are conducted in the facility. Coordinated document submittals to State review agencies which must approve both the program and design.

We also developed a master plan for the system, and pre-architectural programs for the Women's Detention Center and Jail Administrative and Industries Facility.

Beds:
775

Project Cost:
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