



Town of Jamestown Police Station Jamestown, Rhode Island

In December, 1989, the voters of Jamestown passed a bond issue to build a new police station. Jamestown is a residential community where there is a close working relationship between the public and the Police Department. The town's key focus of the project was to be on schedule, within the budget, and to meet the needs of the users. A planning team consisting of the Town Administrator, Police Chief, a patrolman (selected by the Union), architect, and Voorhis Associates staff guided both the development of the program and design. This team was faced with keeping the project within budget and on schedule. By working together in a collaborative process, the team was able to strengthen the working relationship within the Police Department and between the Town Administrator and Department. According to the *New Daily Times*, "All committee members agreed the consultant improved the process. 'He had a lot of good ideas and was able to steer (the process) in the right direction.' (Chief Westfall)"

The program and design were responsive to issues raised in the Police Executive Research Forum Study which was completed as this project started.

Project goals included:

- complying with *Standards for Law Enforcement Agencies*,
- promoting citizen participation in law enforcement services,
- increasing communication across shifts and functions and between line and management staff,
- having expansion capabilities,
- meeting needs of female police personnel,
- restricting access within the secure area, and
- providing training space that could also meet the needs of other criminal justice agencies.

Three holding cells adjacent to communications/dispatch promotes observation of these areas by the single officer generally on duty. A double drive-through vehicle sallyport provides for secure receiving of new arrestees.



The Jamestown Police Station was selected for inclusion in the 1992-1993 Exhibition of Architecture for Justice and was one of five projects to receive a citation of excellence.

The American Institute of Architects, Rhode Island Chapter awarded the Jamestown Police Station with an Honor Award in recognition of excellence in design and execution, and contributing to the advancement of architecture in the state.

Voorhis Associates, Inc. developed a pre-architectural program that included a description of critical operating issues, a list of rooms with brief descriptions and square footage requirements, and relationship diagrams.

We assisted the architect in translating the program into an award winning design.



Project Cost:
\$950,000

Completion Date:
1991



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