



## Olmsted County Government Center Rochester, Minnesota



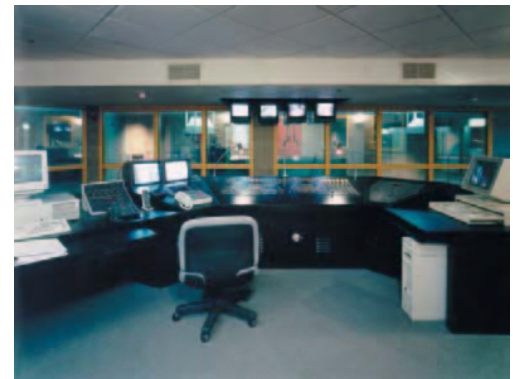
The Olmsted County 100-bed direct supervision facility has a 48-bed pretrial and sentenced area with separation as required by the State. The eight-bed female unit has a separate entrance for female work release inmates. Secure housing has intake, special management, and maximum units of four beds each. Each of the units has two subdayrooms allowing for three classifications within a unit.

Each housing area has an adjacent outdoor recreation space and visitation at the unit promoting staff efficiency. The intake area has two main corridors which are easily observed to allow for unsupervised inmate movement. The indoor recreation area was situated in the complex to allow law enforcement personnel to exercise or train in the gym directly without interacting with inmates.

The Law Enforcement Center also houses the City of Rochester Police Department and the Olmsted County Sheriff's Department. The facility design promotes cooperation between departments and allows for shared resources and space while meeting departmental needs.

The facility provides for shared space in the following areas: staff support (dining, lockers, and vehicle parking); investigative services (interviewers, interrogation, arts and graphics); patrol services (briefing, patrol office work space); special services (property management, records, training areas, and storage); communications/dispatch; and fleet maintenance. The communications/dispatch area was designed securely, but in a way that allows tour groups to observe the area. Secure holding cells were provided adjacent to courtrooms on two floors of the complex. Secure circulation patterns from the Jail to the courtrooms and law enforcement offices were developed.

Voorhis Associates, Inc. developed functional/operational programs that included critical issues, scenarios for major jail functions, activity schedules, staffing principles, a space program, and relationship diagrams. This project included the Police Department, Sheriff's Department, and Jail. The adjoining facility includes the Courts and County Administration.



Beds:  
100

Project Cost:  
\$24,000,000

Completion Date:  
1993



The Olmsted County Government Center received recognition from the American Institute of Architects Committee in the 1993-94 *Justice Facilities Review*.



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