

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT



Storage Problem Solved at Franklin Police Department

CHALLENGE

Constructing a new police headquarters creates a number of opportunities. In Franklin, Tennessee, the chance to build a new building from the ground up presented a number of choices. Several areas required decisions to be made about storage. The project's architect, general contractor and the Franklin Police Department's sergeant realized early on that they needed help planning for that essential part of the construction, and it was not their specialty.

"We had so many areas of the headquarters that needed storage – from evidence to locker rooms

and records to weapons," said Sgt. David Prather. *"Neither we nor the general contractor had the expertise to effectively plan for storage throughout our building."*

Evidence storage, locker rooms, the drug room, and other spaces all required storage planning. Patterson Pope welcomed the opportunity to come in, survey the space, and identify several areas that could be outfitted with innovative solutions.

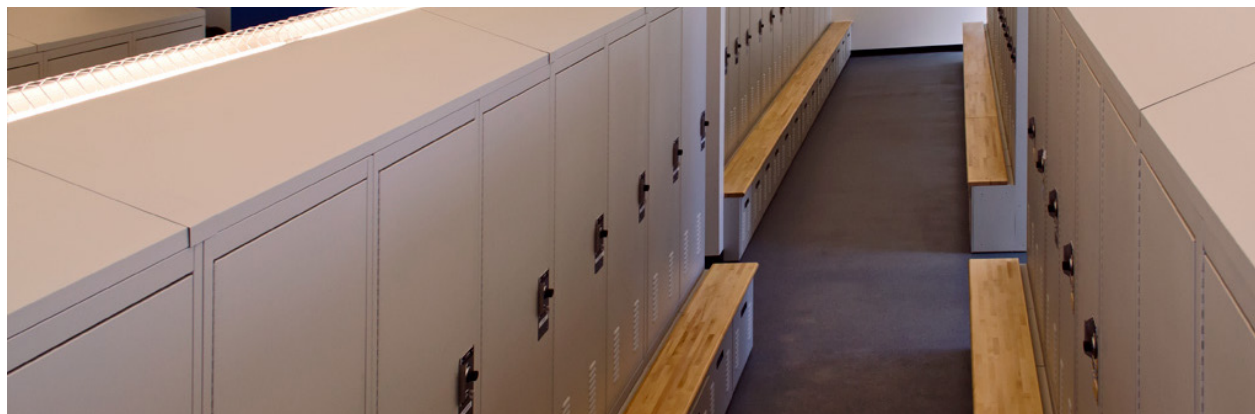
SOLUTION

With multiple spaces came multiple goals: added capacity in the evidence areas, improved comfort and convenience in the locker rooms, and order and safety in the gun storage areas. A number of solutions were used throughout the new Headquarters building, including wide-span shelving, high-density mobile systems, lockers and weapons storage.

In the evidence room, Patterson Pope installed refrigerated pass-through evidence lockers for both perishable and biological items. An Eclipse® High-Density Powered Mobile System was also installed. It featured lockable doors and drawers for small items.

The new facility's Drug Room was outfitted with a Manual Mobile System, while the Records Rooms had a Mechanical Assist Mobile System installed. The Men's and Women's locker rooms received FreeStyle® Lockers, replete with ventilation system. An additional 36 lockers, featuring mesh doors for ventilation and visibility, were used in the SWAT room.

Weapons Storage Flush-Mounted Pistol Lockers and Universal® Weapon Racks (UWRs) were used in five different areas within the facility to store rifles, long guns, pistols and assault weapons.



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ACHIEVEMENT

“Solving” things being something that’s in their DNA, the team at the Franklin Police Department was pleased with all aspects of the new space. Patterson Pope delivered a true “system” that maximizes space, protects evidence and weapons, and establishes a safe, orderly space for the officers and staff.

“Our facility is now recognized as a model police headquarters, and Patterson Pope had a lot to do with that,” added Prather. *“We never realized how important the storage components would be and what a difference a good system makes.”*

