

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT



Mount Pleasant Police Department

Innovative Public Safety Storage Proven Beyond a Reasonable Doubt

CHALLENGE

The Mount Pleasant Police Department (MPPD) had fewer than 300 square feet in its evidence storage area. After years in service and with useable, available space becoming more difficult to come by, items large and small were arranged less by category and more by wherever room would allow. With the community's population expected to grow by up to 50 percent in the next decade, "making due" wasn't an option. Instead, "making something better" became priority one. When plans were announced to construct a new police department building with evidence storage downtown, opportunity presented itself.

SOLUTION

In planning concurrently with an architect and Patterson Pope, Sergeant Greg Horton found a diversity of solutions. With twice as much square footage in which to work, the professional partnerships yielded educational insights, product innovations and collaborations that brought "plans" to functional reality. A combination of adjustable pass-thru evidence storage lockers, powered high-density mobile storage and modifiable drawers helped modernize the MPPD's setup with maximized creativity. The result allowed for IAPE accreditation and plenty of room for growth. A nice position to be in given the town's burgeoning population.

ACHIEVEMENT

At more than 700 square feet, the new space allows the MPPD to help ensure the continued safe, secure storage of evidence items. In addition to the main storage area, ancillary locked rooms house weapons and narcotics – each outfitted with its own alarm system. An off-site facility also houses larger evidentiary items. A total of four individuals can now easily store, organize and find items as small as a key to as large as a bicycle.

Says Sgt. Horton, "If you've got a question about storage, Patterson Pope can answer it. Especially if you're someone who doesn't have a lot of organizational experience yourself, their resources are fantastic. It's not just about selling a product, it's about learning how to use space more effectively."



"Dream big, plan bigger, and trust Patterson Pope."

Sgt. Greg Horton
Mount Pleasant Police Department