

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT



Volusia County Sheriff's Office

Influx of Ideas and Innovative Products Add Space and Perspective

CHALLENGE

For many years, the evidence storage facility for the Volusia County Sheriff's Office (VCSO) was in a jail originally built in 1938. Clearly not constructed with that use in mind, the building had several shortcomings. Limitations included narrow doorways, inadequate space and susceptibility to both flooding – and the occasional reptile incursion. Old cells were being used to house files and evidence items, while stationary four-post shelving held stacked boxes. Low ceilings further impeded storage capacity. Serving a county of nearly 600,000 people, the over-stuffed evidence storage became unwieldy and unsustainable.

SOLUTION

When funding was approved for the construction of a new facility, Patterson Pope helped optimize the new space's design. Products from 13 different manufacturers were used to help revolutionize the way the office stored and managed its inventory. In addition to long gun storage cabinets, pass-thru evidence storage lockers and portable work tables, the central feature was the installation of a pair of 40-foot-long by 20-foot-high XTend High-Bay Mobile Storage units. Loaded with ActivRAC shelving, the tall units store all manner of evidence items – some of which must be kept for decades, if not forever.

ACHIEVEMENT

The new facility covers nearly 300,000 square feet in total, 290,000 of which is usable workspace. With a staff of nine technicians to help process, store and retrieve evidence as needed, the new facility is a welcome change from its former home.

"We surveyed all of the evidence that they had and used that to determine cubic feet of shelving," said Patterson Pope Sales Representative Ron Nienhuis. "Next, we used that to decide on the size of the storage devices we were going to install. In the end, no area was over two thirds full, so there's definitely room for growth."



"I believe this is the first time that the mobile XTend "high-bay" storage unit has been used in an evidence storage capacity. The product is most often used for archival storage for universities, so this one is truly unique."

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