

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT



Redesigning Storage for the Whitehall Police Department Yields Arresting Results in a Limited Space

CHALLENGE

Evidence room space is always at a premium. In most instances, creating more space is done by either constructing a new area specifically for that purpose, or by an “up-fit,” where walls are moved or torn down to accommodate expansion.

There are situations, of course, where neither of those options is available. With an evidence room that measured just 371 square feet, the Whitehall Division of Police in Whitehall, Ohio faced just such a dilemma.

SOLUTION

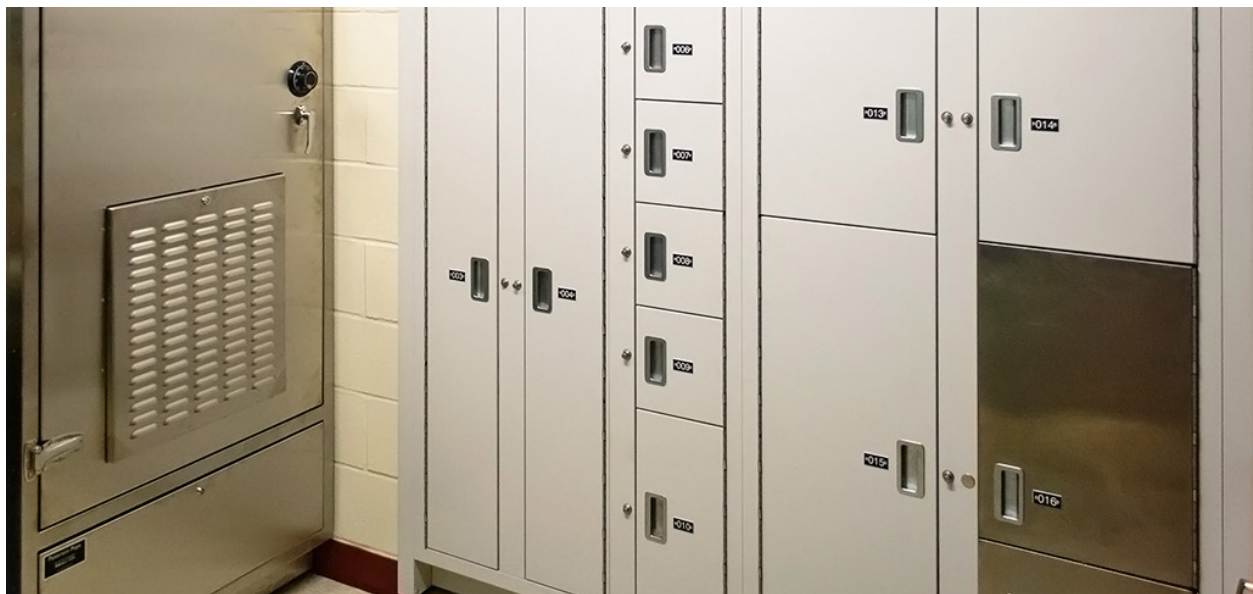
After some consultation and planning, a new design took form. Patterson Pope took over an adjoining storage room, creating an evidence processing room in its place. The area now includes:

- » Pass-thru Evidence Lockers (including a refrigerated pass-thru) and a drying rack.
- » A Designated area for a desk

For the evidence room itself, four standard bin storage sizes were identified, allowing for accommodation of a variety of different items. Spacesaver Wheelhouse Mobile Shelving Systems were installed as well, which maximized floor space and improved the visual esthetic of the room.

Public Safety Storage Solutions included:

- » **Spacesaver Pass-Thru Evidence Lockers**
Built into the wall that separates the evidence processing area from the property and evidence room. It was specifically designed to provide an extra-secure chain of custody.
- » **High-Density Shelving** Utilizing vertical space. An altered version of the shelving was also incorporated for use as a long-gun rack.
- » **Refrigerator Locker/Drying Cabinet**
Specifically engineered to maintain a constant temperature of 38 to 42 degree Fahrenheit, ideal for DNA and biological storage. Also features a built-in condensate removal system.



"We were able to not only maximize the space, but improve the team's productivity," added Eric Martin, the Patterson Pope account rep on the project. "In the end, our solutions are only effective if they achieve the client's goals. Here, we definitely did that."

ACHIEVEMENT

Today, the evidence room looks brand new. Items that stay indefinitely are housed in the back, where they're out of the way. Smaller items are kept in clearly labeled bins. Weapons are safely locked away. DNA and other biological evidence are properly refrigerated. The improved organization makes evidence handling, storage, tracking and retrieval easier. The space's functionality has even had an effect on the department's morale.

Given the nature of police work, it seems as though there's never enough room. In this case, Patterson Pope helped the Whitehall Division of Police maximize the benefit of their established footprint. The difference can be seen not only in the physical transformation of the space, but also in its workability and the satisfaction of those who use it every day.

BEFORE



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