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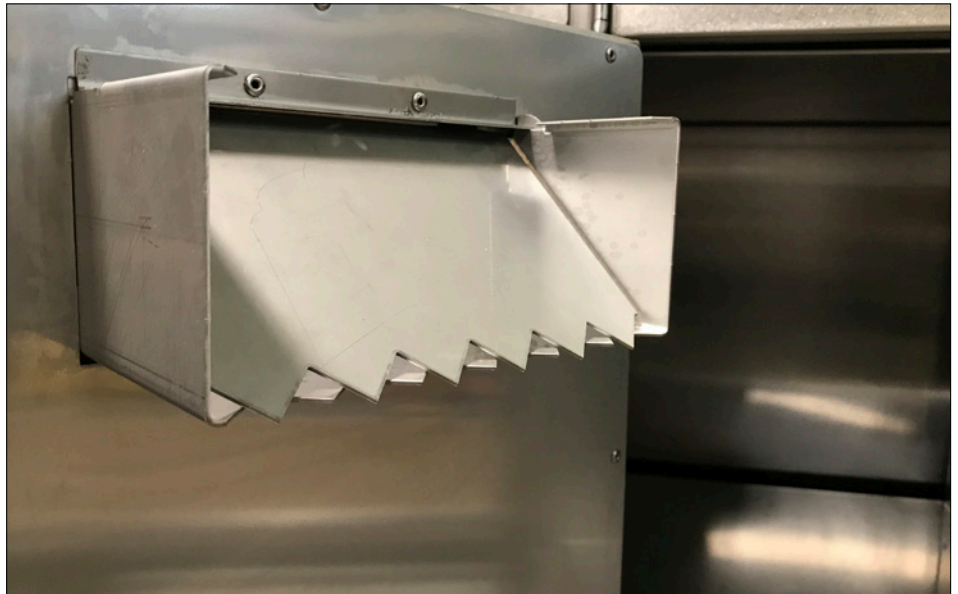
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SLOTTED REFRIGERATED EVIDENCE LOCKER

Protecting evidence and planning for future growth

The Salt River Police Department, located on the outskirts of the Phoenix metro area, serves the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. The department has more than 130 officers who are sworn at the tribal, state, and federal levels, and the rapidly growing area is home to a variety of thriving businesses including casinos, shopping malls, and professional sports stadiums.

In an effort to accommodate current and future growth, and as part of the department's accreditation efforts, the SRPD recently constructed a 14,000-square-foot Property and Evidence Bureau Building. The local Spacesaver consultant worked with Spacesaver to develop a variety of storage solutions throughout the facility, including a unique refrigerated evidence locker.



Biological evidence needs to be refrigerated to ensure its integrity for analysis, and evidence collected at the crime scene might include larger items like clothing or bedding as well as smaller items. That's why the evidence locker, which is about the size of a residential refrigerator, is divided into six secure compartments with three compartments equipped with a drop slot. Officers can deposit multiple small items via the drop slot, freeing up space in the larger compartments. A toothed flap helps maintain a secure chain of custody by preventing someone from reaching in after evidence has been deposited.

This innovative solution is part of a new facility that's a point of pride for the department and the community. "It's more than just a building; it is an investment in public safety, in the safety of the community and our Salt River Police Property and Evidence professionals and police officers," said SRPD Chief Karl Auerbach at the groundbreaking ceremony. "It will absolutely provide our SRPD professionals with a safe, state-of-the-art storage facility and storage capacity for years to come, [as well as] ensure that we continuously meet best practices and industry standards."

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