

Multi-Zone Storage Overhaul Elevates Readiness at a Southeast Coast Guard Station

CHALLENGE

At a Coast Guard station on the Southeast coast, day-to-day operations were being slowed by a patchwork of aging storage and overcrowded work areas. The station supported multiple mission sets – search and rescue, maritime response, equipment maintenance, and personnel readiness – but the layout hadn't evolved with the workload.

Equipment rooms were packed with mismatched shelving, old racks, and improvised storage that forced crews to navigate tight aisles and dig for gear. Tools and parts were spread across several rooms without a clear system, making maintenance slower than it needed to be.

Personal gear storage hadn't kept pace either: lockers were undersized, poorly ventilated, and difficult to reconfigure as needs changed.

The result was a space that didn't reflect the professionalism or speed of the mission. The team needed storage that increased visibility, improved access, and supported high-tempo daily operations, all without adding square footage.

SOLUTION

The Coast Guard team partnered with Patterson Pope to redesign the station's key work zones with an emphasis on organization, durability, and efficient movement of gear.

In the main equipment room, outdated shelving was replaced with Spacesaver high-density mobile systems, immediately increasing capacity and clearing well-defined walkways. Crews could now access mission-critical items quickly and safely, without the obstacle course created by static shelves.

In maintenance and prep areas, new Rousseau workbenches and shelving introduced a modular, heavy-duty setup designed for tools, parts, repair tasks, and staging. Integrated drawers and overhead storage kept equipment organized and within reach, supporting both daily use and long-term reliability.

For personnel gear, the station upgraded to Freestyle® lockers, chosen for their ventilation, security, and adaptability. Adjustable components allowed the team to outfit each locker to individual needs while maintaining a unified, professional look across the room.

Throughout the redesign, layout decisions were made with workflow in mind. Patterson Pope worked directly with end users to refine bench placement, locker orientation, and access paths so each zone supported the way crews naturally moved through their workday.



ACHIEVEMENT

The upgraded station now reflects the speed and discipline of Coast Guard operations.

High-density shelving created clear aisles and simplified storage and retrieval. Modular workstations transformed maintenance areas into cleaner, more efficient environments. New personnel lockers improved airflow, organization, and accountability, boosting morale in the process.

Gear moves faster, tasks require less back-tracking, inspections run smoother, and the entire facility now works with the crew, instead of against them.

With the right mix of storage systems in place, the Coast Guard team can stay focused on what matters most: staying ready, staying responsive, and keeping the coastline protected.



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