

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE OLD ONE?

Fire Station Deficiencies

Cramped work areas.
No bay ventilation for exhaust.
Extremely limited storage indoors.
No place to dry or clean gear and clothing.
Walls are rotting from water trapped indoors.
Not enough room for volunteers to stay overnight or prepare meals.
Cement floor cannot sustain weight of apparatus and is cracking throughout.
As training expectations continue to grow, as does the need for specialized clothing and equipment, which impacts the limited storage space.
Premature wear of expensive equipment and vehicles stored outside also causing slower winter response times.
Existing bays too short for new standard sized fire response apparatus requiring special modifications that are much more expensive.

Police Department Deficiencies

Extremely cramped work areas.
Poor design causes efficiency problems.
No prisoner visitor area.
No secure service counter window.
Lack of evidence storage/lab space.
No decontamination or cleaning areas.
Premature failure of expensive radio equipment because of poor ventilation.
Law requires evidence to be stored indefinitely requiring considerably more storage.
Escape attempt and safety issues when bringing detainees in and out of the building.
HVAC system routes from jail cells to dispatch, risking the passage of airborne communicable disease.
Exhaust enters work areas causing poor air quality
No separate prison area for women and juveniles though required by law.
No separation between staff work areas and prisoner through-traffic.
Jail's five cells are often overfilled requiring people to stay on the floor and causing safety issues.
Average is 550-700 detainees per year increasing.



“We have two rooms, a hallway, closet, and a bathroom that feels like a closet...the booking room is functionally serving the needs of five different rooms. We have had several escape attempts because of vulnerabilities in our layout”. **Police Officer Rick Pitta**

“We have poor radio reception in our building and we have many intermittent problems with our radio system that are suspected to be happening due to poor cable placements... Our critical radio and computer equipment is also not in climate controlled rooms which we believe has caused premature failure of some of this very expensive equipment. This also is suspected of causing intermittent system failures and outages”. **Police Chief Mark Robl**



“If there’s one thing we want the public to know it’s that our current facility is impacting our efficiency. The facility is so cramped that it’s hard to move through it and get what you need, such as recharging radio batteries. We want the public to get their money’s worth and have us out on the streets, not stuck in an inefficient, cramped building”. **Police Officer Stacy Luck**

“Diesel exhaust is a complex mixture of thousands of gases and fine particles that contain more than forty toxic air contaminants. The US EPA has reported that long-term exposure to diesel engine exhaust is linked to lung cancer. Homer Fire Fighters are exposed to these conditions daily when starting apparatus indoors for service calls”.

Fire Chief Bob Painter

