

Department of Public Safety Renovation Project

In 2014 the Department of Public Safety underwent a \$1.3 Million Dollar renovation project to the police department and department of public safety offices. The renovation to the DPS offices included the utilization of all available space, addressed safety concerns for the civilian employees, created office space for the Police Chief, Asst. Chief, Lieutenants and a Senior Account Clerk. The DPS office renovation also addressed the 2nd floor security issues related to City Court and prisoner vs civilian co-mingling, asbestos related issues and upgrading an outdated fire suppression system.

The renovation project in the police department was a much larger part of the project that involved two-thirds of the police department being gutted and totally remodeled. This project addressed decade's worth of problems such as faulty wiring, lack of data terminals, high levels of asbestos in certain areas, decayed and broken sanitary sewer lines, heating/air conditioning problems, and issues within the jail cells. The project also addressed building code violations, locker-room equality for male and female officers, training room and security issues. This project also ended the practice of prisoners having contact with victims and citizens at the police department making complaints. Prisoners are now brought directly to a booking area attached to the jail cells which was never the case in the past. Another significant part of the project was building a new server room for the entire city technology operations. This room is located within the police department, has advanced security protocols, is temperature controlled and now houses all the important emergency technology systems.