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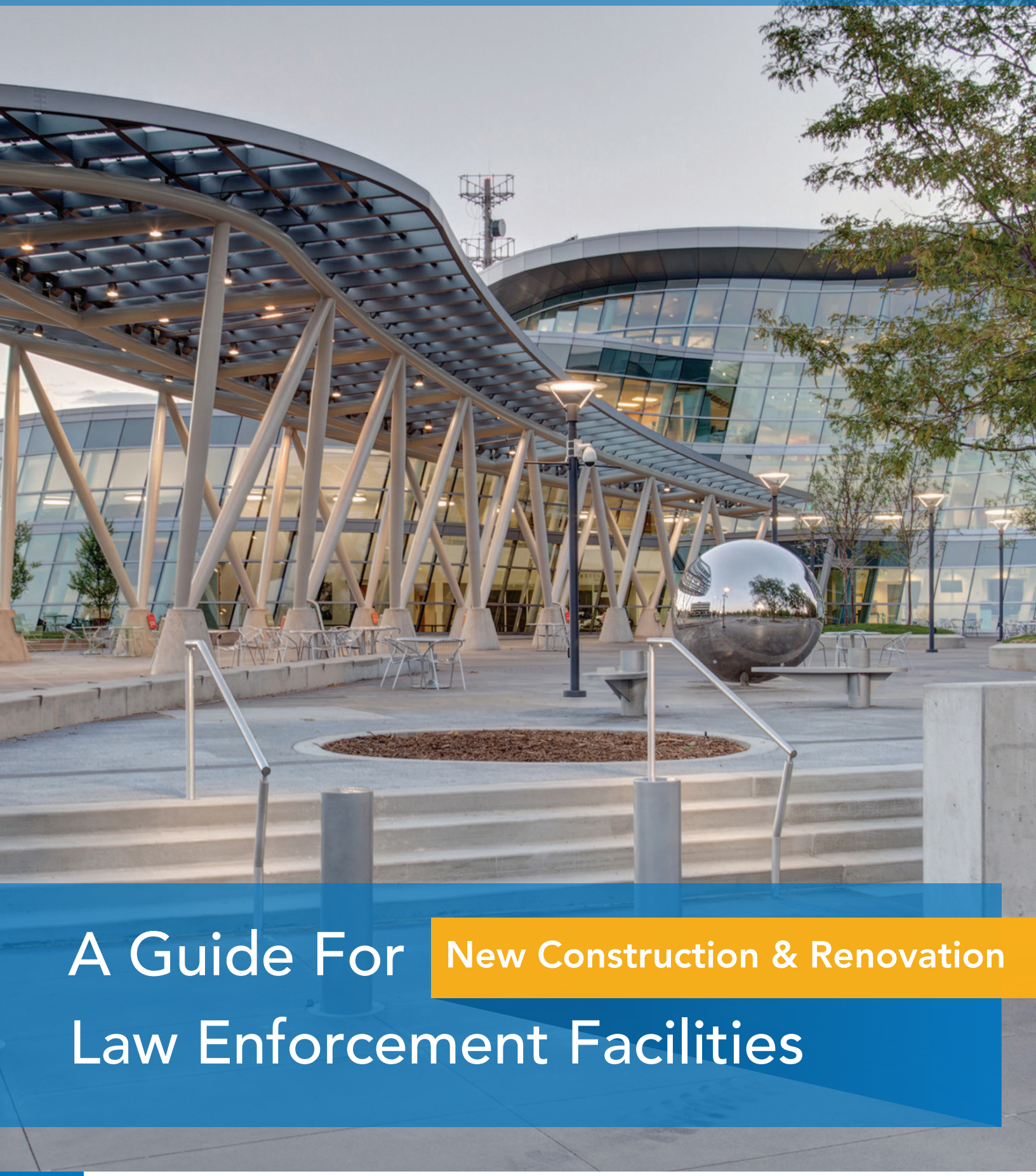


A Guide For New Construction & Renovation Law Enforcement Facilities

Storage Solved®

STORAGE MATTERS.

YOU NEEDED MORE SPACE FOR YOUR DEPARTMENT—

THAT WAS THE HARD PART, RIGHT?

For most departments, what happens after is even more difficult. **Most police chiefs, deputy chiefs, and officers are trained to fight crime—not to construct a new building or renovate an existing one.**

We're also guessing you're not trained to assess all of the inventory that needs to fit in that building and how you're going to store it.

During a construction project, storage might seem like an afterthought—but in our 40 years of assisting police departments and other public safety facilities, we know that it's important to think about it immediately.

That's where we can help. We can partner with you as well as your architect and general contractor to design storage solutions that help your department work smarter. To make sure that those storage challenges from the past the disorganized evidence room, the cramped locker rooms, and the inefficient armory storage space doesn't creep into your present.

You've secured your funding. You've identified the site of your new building or have determined how much you'll be able to build on to your existing one. You've worked with city and county boards and your community to educate them on your needs.

Storage isn't something you think about until it starts to affect your daily duties. Here are just a few of the many ways storage and space can have a direct impact on the success of your department:

Creates space for future needs

When a typical public safety building is constructed, it's built to last anywhere form 20-50 years—so if you're going to invest the time and money, make sure it's going to work for you for decades to come. Assessing and projecting storage needs especially when it comes to evidence storage can have a tremendous impact on the usability of your facility for the long haul.

Improves morale

The job of an officer is a stressful one and even in police departments, low morale is something that can creep up over time. Creating spaces where officers can do their jobs more effectively, whether that's improving an evidence processing area, creating a "home away from home" with customizable gear lockers, or recognizing the storage needs of specialized units can go a long way.

Assists with accreditation

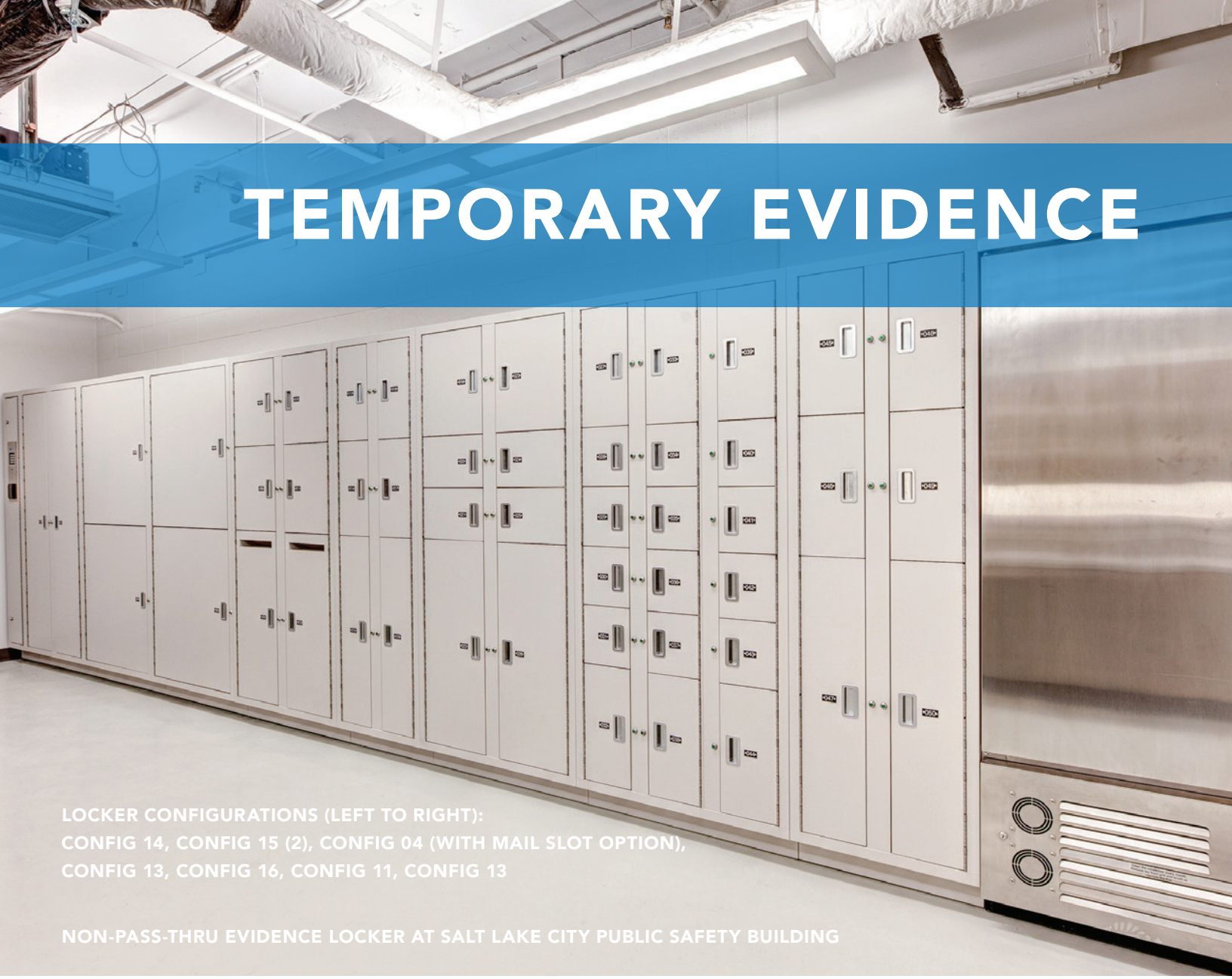
The benefits of CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement) and IAPE (International Association of Property & Evidence) are numerous—they help outline a clear management system that a department can follow to achieve greater accountability, reduced risk and liability, and increased support within their community. Secure, organized storage is one of the pillars that accreditation is based on—especially regarding processing and storage of property and evidence.

Stays out of the news

We don't need to tell you how important preserving the chain of custody is—but everyday, evidence is tampered with, misplaced, or stolen in evidence rooms around the United States. Secure storage solutions, such as temporary evidence lockers and shelving for long-term evidence rooms, can seamlessly integrate with evidence tracking and inventory systems to create an organized space that won't be the subject of a less-than-flattering newspaper headline.

Regardless of the size of your department, the type of construction or renovation, or the need—we can help you prioritize, plan, and create a solution that will work for you now and into the future. **Let's get started.**

TEMPORARY EVIDENCE



LOCKER CONFIGURATIONS (LEFT TO RIGHT):
CONFIG 14, CONFIG 15 (2), CONFIG 04 (WITH MAIL SLOT OPTION),
CONFIG 13, CONFIG 16, CONFIG 11, CONFIG 13

NON-PASS-THRU EVIDENCE LOCKER AT SALT LAKE CITY PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

PASS-THRU EVIDENCE LOCKER AT CENTRAL MARIN PD
EVIDENCE DEPOSITED

PASS-THRU EVIDENCE LOCKER AT MCKINNEY PD
FULL SIZE REAR DOOR FOR RETRIEVAL

STORAGE

CHAIN OF CUSTODY. SECURE.

A common weak link in the chain of custody of evidence is the time the evidence leaves the hands of the person who collected it to the time it is properly logged by an evidence technician. With two distinct storage processes that don't require keys for evidence deposit, and a variety of available options and configurations, our lockers provide the utmost security and integrity of evidence preservation and retrieval.

THE DETAILS

Limitless configurations: Design your ideal configuration or choose from our one hundred (100) front door options

Add-on Options: Options such as mail/video slot components, mesh rear doors, and a front lockout system provide piece of mind and ease of use

Tamper-Proof: A multipoint dead bolt locking system, double-walled welded doors, and anti-pry tabs provide assurance that evidence won't be compromised

Built to Last: Featuring heavy-gauge, welded construction, the lockers have a lifetime of durability

Our Guarantee: We stand behind every single locker we make with a lifetime guarantee on the locker frames and a 5-year warranty on moving parts.

NON-PASS-THRU LOCKERS

For the non-pass-thru option, evidence is deposited and retrieved from the same self-closing doors, and items can only be removed by authorized personnel. These lockers easily mount against a wall and can be converted into the pass-thru option when needed.

PASS-THRU LOCKERS

The pass-thru locker is built into your facility's wall, allowing evidence to be deposited from one side and retrieved from another. The full-size rear door allows evidence technicians and personnel to efficiently remove items and reset the locker openings for future use. We also offer an optional front lockout system to automatically lock the front doors when the rear door is open, preventing unauthorized access to the property and evidence room.

LOCKER CONFIGURATIONS
(LEFT TO RIGHT): CONFIG 07, CONFIG 01 (2)

EVIDENCE STORAGE OPTIONS

LOCKING OPTIONS

STANDARD KEYLESS LOCKING SYSTEM (included with system)

- Provides a secure chain of custody through PT or NPT processes
- NPT configurations include keyed different (with master key) for evidence retrieval
- No keys required—provides for unattended evidence deposit
- Multi-point locking systems on all doors

CONTROLOC SYSTEM

This add-on technology allows computerized tracking and documentation of officers/personnel accessing the system either on-site or from another building. Access to individual evidence lockers is gained through an access card and a numeric control pad.

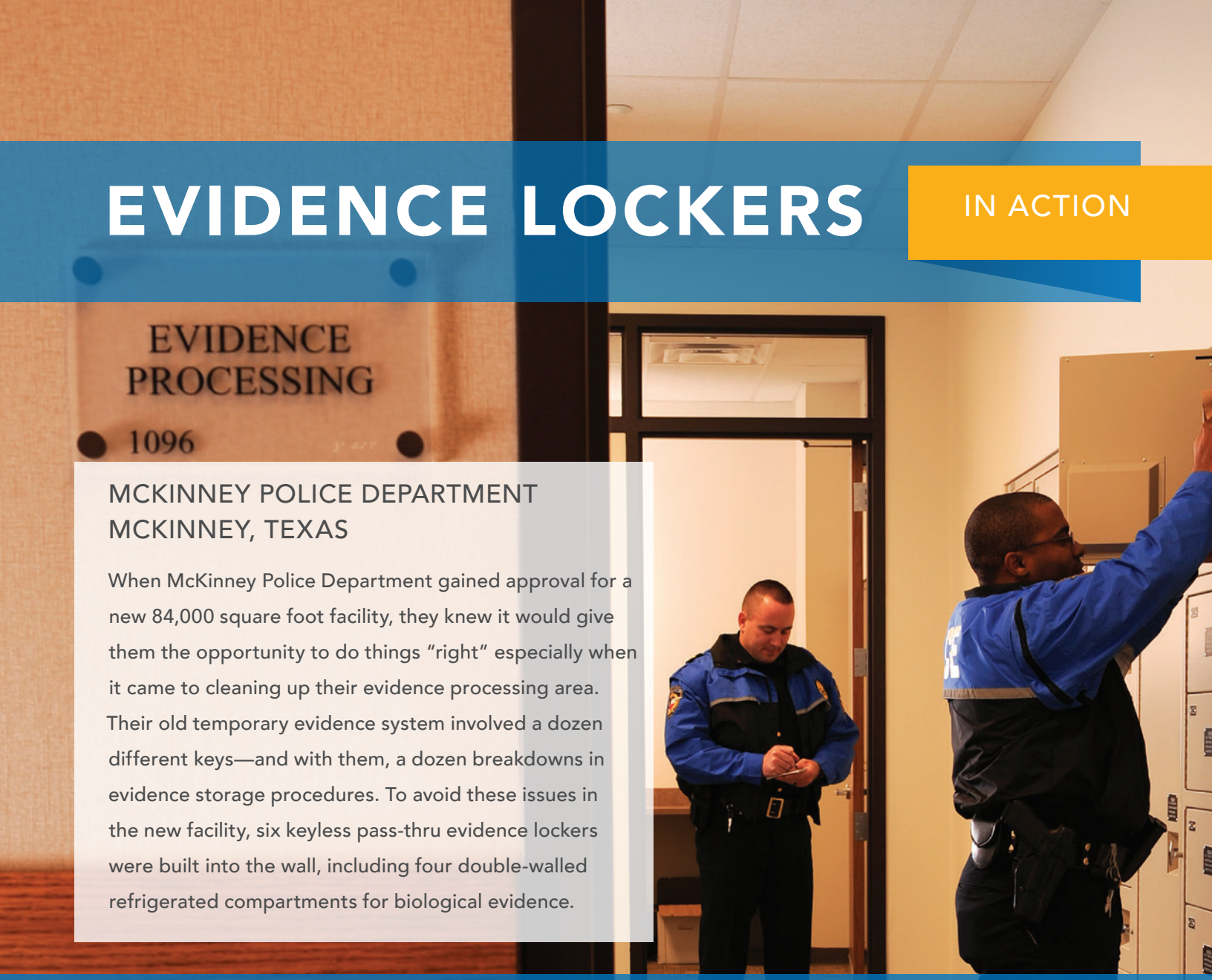
DIGILOCK

This intuitive, add-on push-button locking system fits nearly every locker design and functions by entry of a 4-digit code or insertion of an Accessibility User Key in its keyslot.

REFRIGERATED LOCKERS

Biological evidence also needs a secure storage solution and our refrigerated evidence lockers offer the same reliability and security as our standard evidence lockers. Available as a full-sized, stand-alone locker with a choice of compartments or a compartment that can be fit into a standard locker bank. (shown right)

EVIDENCE LOCKERS IN ACTION



MCKINNEY POLICE DEPARTMENT
MCKINNEY, TEXAS

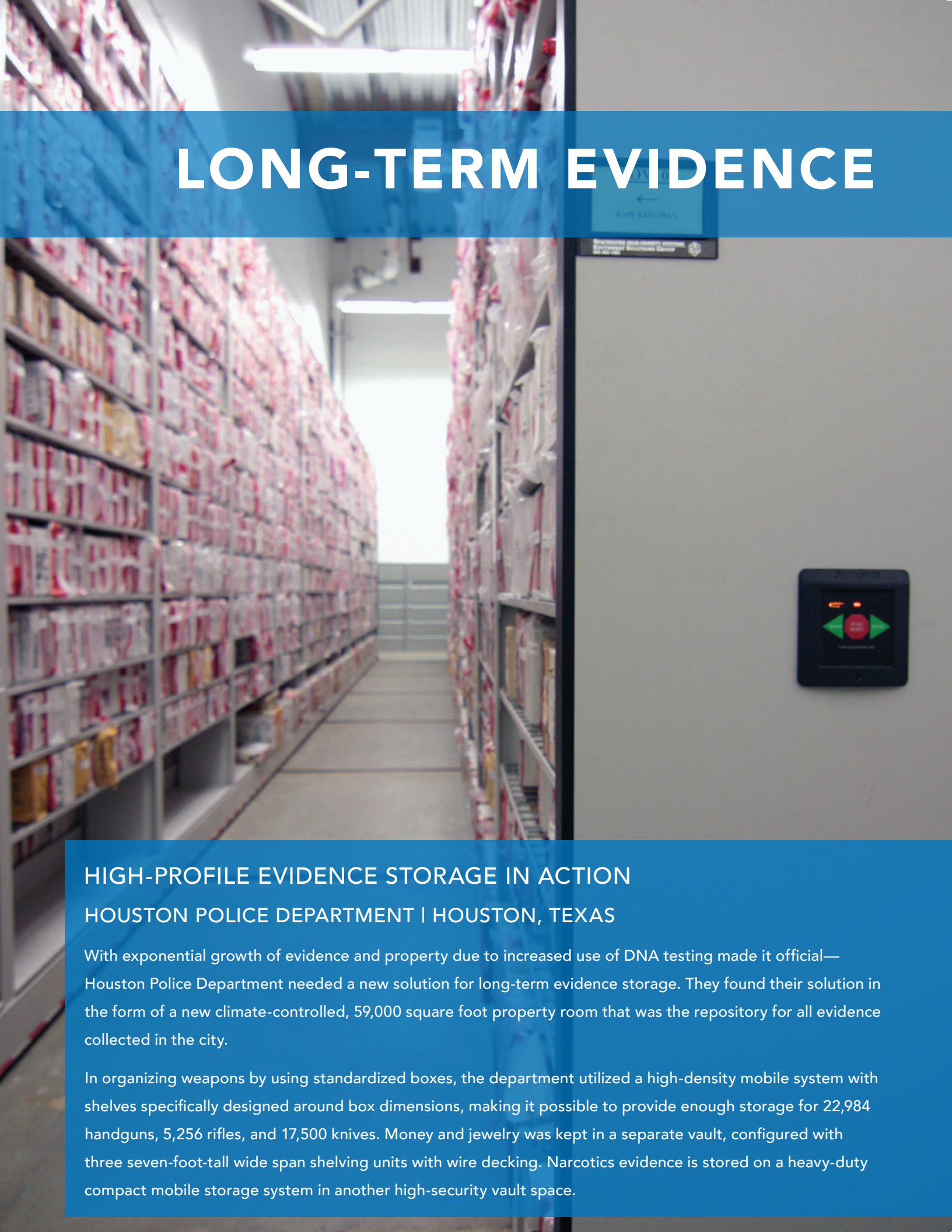
When McKinney Police Department gained approval for a new 84,000 square foot facility, they knew it would give them the opportunity to do things "right" especially when it came to cleaning up their evidence processing area. Their old temporary evidence system involved a dozen different keys—and with them, a dozen breakdowns in evidence storage procedures. To avoid these issues in the new facility, six keyless pass-thru evidence lockers were built into the wall, including four double-walled refrigerated compartments for biological evidence.

AURORA POLICE DEPARTMENT
AURORA, COLORADO

With growing evidence and lack of time to process evidence, Aurora's old evidence lockers had just as many doors in the back as they did in the front requiring technicians to open up every available locker to see if there was evidence inside. To cut down on the wasted time, the backs of the lockers were outfitted with perforated rear doors to give quick visibility to evidence waiting to be processed.

BENSALEM POLICE DEPARTMENT
BENSALEM TOWNSHIP, PENNSYLVANIA

An outdated building and an increase in personnel was creating a "storage nightmare" for Bensalem Police Department. A pass-thru evidence locker system with a variety of compartments including a refrigerated evidence locker was the solution. Now, Bensalem's worry about lost or misplaced evidence is non-existent. A bonus is that the lockers have helped the department with CALEA accreditation.



LONG-TERM EVIDENCE

HIGH-PROFILE EVIDENCE STORAGE IN ACTION

HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT | HOUSTON, TEXAS

With exponential growth of evidence and property due to increased use of DNA testing made it official—Houston Police Department needed a new solution for long-term evidence storage. They found their solution in the form of a new climate-controlled, 59,000 square foot property room that was the repository for all evidence collected in the city.

In organizing weapons by using standardized boxes, the department utilized a high-density mobile system with shelves specifically designed around box dimensions, making it possible to provide enough storage for 22,984 handguns, 5,256 rifles, and 17,500 knives. Money and jewelry was kept in a separate vault, configured with three seven-foot-tall wide span shelving units with wire decking. Narcotics evidence is stored on a heavy-duty compact mobile storage system in another high-security vault space.

STORAGE

MORE STORAGE IN LESS SPACE.

Every property and evidence technician knows the story—your evidence room is overflowing with items, but you have finite storage space. Evidence gets misplaced, time gets wasted, and it's impossible to purge old items.

A new building or expansion certainly gives you more space—but as populations increase and crime rates rise, there's the reality that even double or triple the space of your old facility will fill up quickly—leaving you right back where you started.

We've assisted many departments in keeping pace through conversion to high-density mobile storage, allowing them to increase long-term evidence storage capacity in an existing footprint or, in the case of new construction, have the space needed for future inventory. Now you can store any item that comes your way—from biological evidence and weapons to large electronics and bumpers—and everything in between.

HIGH-SECURITY EVIDENCE

According to the professional standards of IAPE (International Association of Property and Evidence), high-profile evidence such as narcotics, weapons, and currency need to be stored away from general property and evidence—and they also need to be under double lock and key. We can partner with you on a solution that keeps this type of evidence safe and secure.

NARCOTICS:

Have a need to for a ventilation system to vent odors/fumes to a building's exterior

WEAPONS:

Weapons have distinctions between "active" and "pending destruction" cases

CURRENCY/VALUABLES:

In the case of foreign money, precious stones or other valuables, should have additional levels of security and documentation

LONG-TERM EVIDENCE

HIGH-PROFILE EVIDENCE STORAGE IN ACTION

HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT | HOUSTON, TEXAS

The Houston Police Department had dealt with every possible situation as a result of an antiquated evidence room—missing evidence, lackluster environmental conditions that threatened evidence integrity, and lack of space for personnel to work efficiently. With the increased use of DNA testing, Houston knew they needed to construct a new evidence warehouse—and they needed to think about smart storage from the very beginning, as they knew evidence inventory would only continue to increase.

Because of the volume and type of evidence—the city's evidence room was no stranger to bulky evidence such as computer monitors, pieces of furniture, and vehicle bumpers, they utilized several powered ActivRAC heavy-duty mobile storage carriages to store electronics, weapons, and narcotics evidence. With the mobile rows being able to be compressed into a smaller footprint, yet providing for 100% accessibility, Houston's property room staff can get to any piece of logged evidence easily and quickly.

STORAGE

A PLACE TO STORE BOXES (AND BUMPERS)

For large evidence rooms and warehouses, a standard compact mobile storage solution might not be enough. For these spaces, we offer our heavy-duty high-density mobile storage system, ActivRAC®, as well as XTend®, an archival high-bay solution available as a static or mobile option. These two storage solutions give you maximum storage density, allowing you to plan for smarter storage from the start.

ACTIVRAC® HEAVY-DUTY MOBILE SHELVING

COMPACT STORAGE FOR THE HEAVY STUFF.

The big brother of standard high-density mobile storage, ActivRAC is an ideal solution anytime a compact solution for heavy items or bulk storage is required. Existing shelving or pallet racking can be placed on mobile carriages, increasing space in an evidence warehouse or off-site storage area by eliminating static aisles.

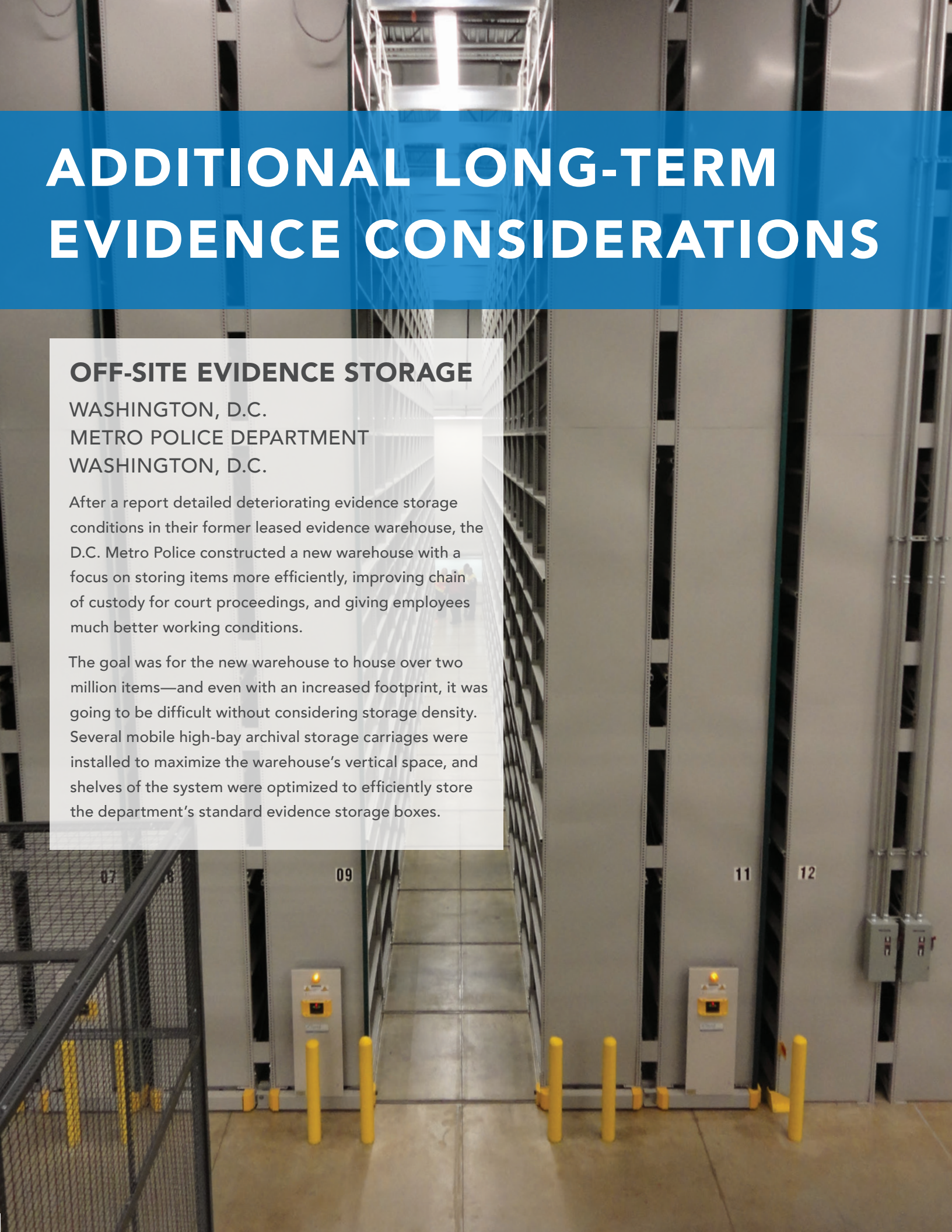
THE DETAILS

Load Capacity: 7,000 to 30,000 pounds to handle a wide range of needs.

Modes of Operation: Systems can be operated by a three-spoke mechanical handle, a press of a powered button, or via LCD touchscreen.

Applications: Used for the storage of heavy, bulky evidence items—and also available in stainless steel for freezer/cooler applications.

ADDITIONAL LONG-TERM EVIDENCE CONSIDERATIONS



OFF-SITE EVIDENCE STORAGE

WASHINGTON, D.C.
METRO POLICE DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D.C.

After a report detailed deteriorating evidence storage conditions in their former leased evidence warehouse, the D.C. Metro Police constructed a new warehouse with a focus on storing items more efficiently, improving chain of custody for court proceedings, and giving employees much better working conditions.

The goal was for the new warehouse to house over two million items—and even with an increased footprint, it was going to be difficult without considering storage density. Several mobile high-bay archival storage carriages were installed to maximize the warehouse's vertical space, and shelves of the system were optimized to efficiently store the department's standard evidence storage boxes.

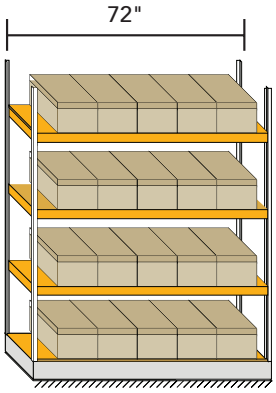
NEW SHELVING DOESN'T HAVE TO MEAN A BIG BUDGET.

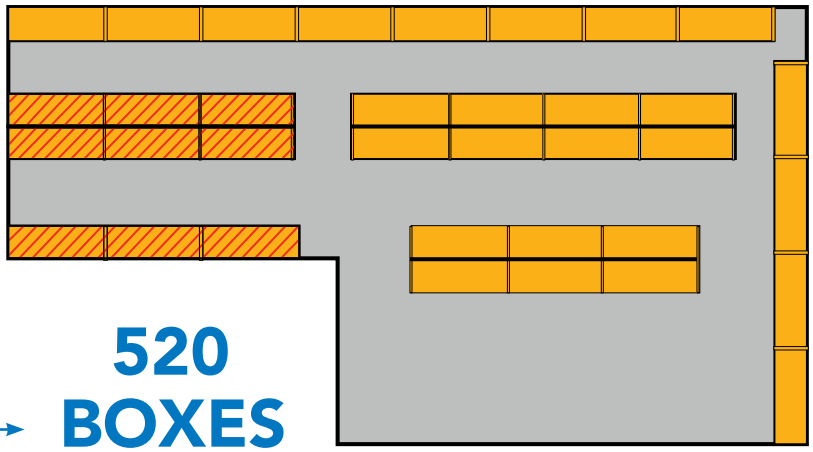
WHEN BUDGETS ARE TIGHT

When construction or renovation costs run over budget, funds have to be allocated and they're often taken out of a budget for furniture, fixtures, and shelving.

If budget cuts create a roadblock to getting your ideal evidence storage solution—we can do the next best thing. By optimizing static shelving for maximum storage density and planning to create a solution in phases, we can create an organized evidence room that makes sense for your needs and budget.

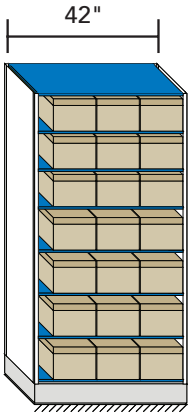
CURRENT EVIDENCE SHELVING: WASTED SPACE

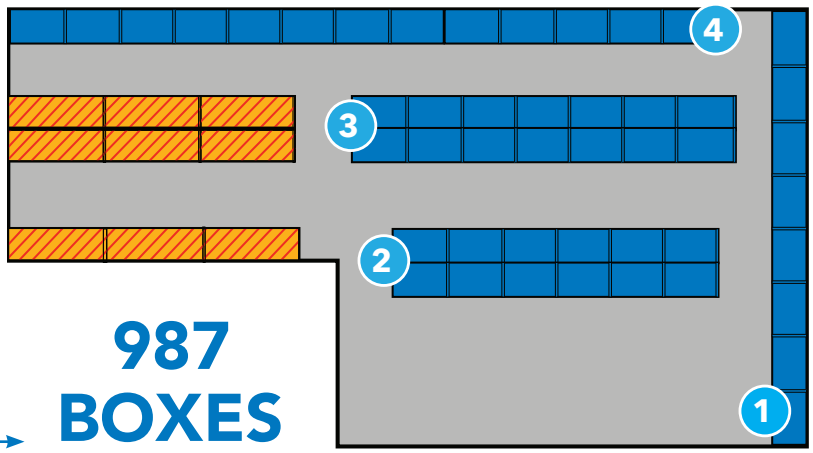




520 BOXES

PROPOSED EVIDENCE SHELVING: INCREASE SPACE IN PHASES





987 BOXES

PERSONAL STORAGE & GEAR BAG LOCKERS

SALT LAKE CITY PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

When designing Salt Lake City's Fitness Center, the facility's architect decided to take a unique approach by not creating separate locker rooms and allowing the lockers to coexist with the fitness equipment. For this reason, it was important that the lockers not smell like a locker room and we worked with the architect to create a locker ventilation system. This allows everything to be stored inside the locker damp or dry without the worry of less-than-ideal smells permeating throughout the space.

EAST MESA REENTRY FACILITY | SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

East Mesa was struggling with growing pains that are instantly recognizable to many police departments an increase in personnel and a lack of space. In addition to having to increase the number of storage lockers, San Diego County also wanted to increase the width of the lockers—eating up the space that was reserved for benches. We worked with East Mesa to engineer a retractable breadboard bench that reduced the depth of each locker by 12", allowing the facility to fit the needed number of lockers into the same footprint.

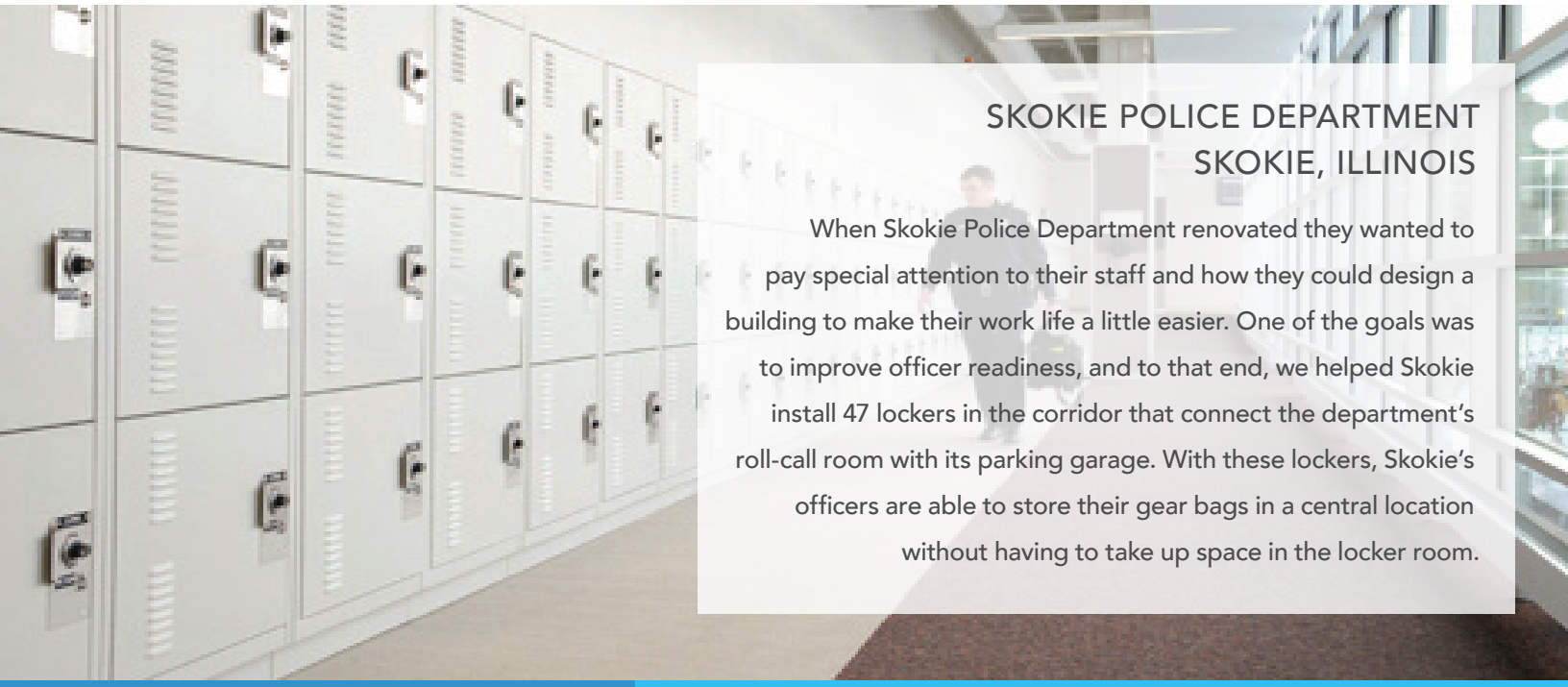
FRANKLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT | FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE

While working with the building's architect, we realized that the department's locker rooms could actually help contribute to the facility's LEED® certification with the help of a little engineering. 245 personal storage lockers were installed with a custom ventilation system and indirect lighting. The ventilation system provided a consistent airflow to remove locker odors, while the lighting system increased the light quality both playing a part in the Indoor Environmental Quality category of Franklin's LEED®® certification process.

We don't have to tell you that law enforcement personnel often face a strenuous environment—and doing small things to make them feel appreciated can go a long way. We've found a way to do that in an unlikely place—your department's locker rooms.

IN ACTION

The time of your officers and other public safety personnel is precious—and when they need to move quickly, the last thing they need is to be held up by gear that isn't immediately accessible. In these situations, duty bag lockers are an ideal way to create a secure storage space for this equipment while keeping it out of locker rooms and other spaces.



SKOKIE POLICE DEPARTMENT
SKOKIE, ILLINOIS

When Skokie Police Department renovated they wanted to pay special attention to their staff and how they could design a building to make their work life a little easier. One of the goals was to improve officer readiness, and to that end, we helped Skokie install 47 lockers in the corridor that connect the department's roll-call room with its parking garage. With these lockers, Skokie's officers are able to store their gear bags in a central location without having to take up space in the locker room.

THE DETAILS: PERSONAL LOCKERS

Adaptable System: Full range of dimensions, with an external access drawer, bench drawer, or retractable drawer; choice of single or double, plain or perforated doors; and a broad range of accessories.

Adjustable Accessories: Infinite configurations and options; shelves, internal drawers, brackets, rail elements, bins, bases, document holders, and variety of lock systems.

Charging Options: Modular plug and play components to bring power to all your devices.

Air Extraction Ready: All full-height lockers include accessories that naturally promote air circulation throughout the locker, with the option to add further mechanical components now or later.

ARMORY & GUN STORAGE

Evidence and gear storage is a large piece of your storage puzzle, but we know there are other areas that need attention, too. One of the most important ones is armory and gun storage.

From heavy-duty weapons racks to sally port gun lockers, we have numerous solutions to take all of your weapons storage needs into account—and make sure these areas are safe and secure.

UNIVERSAL WEAPONS RACK (UWR®)

A storage system that is both versatile and flexible, the UWR features adjustable racks to accommodate weapons of various lengths and types. Perforated doors and sides simplify weapons inventory, and the system prevents weapons from any movement, vibration, shock, and abrasion.

SALLY PORT & FLOOR-MOUNTED GUN LOCKERS

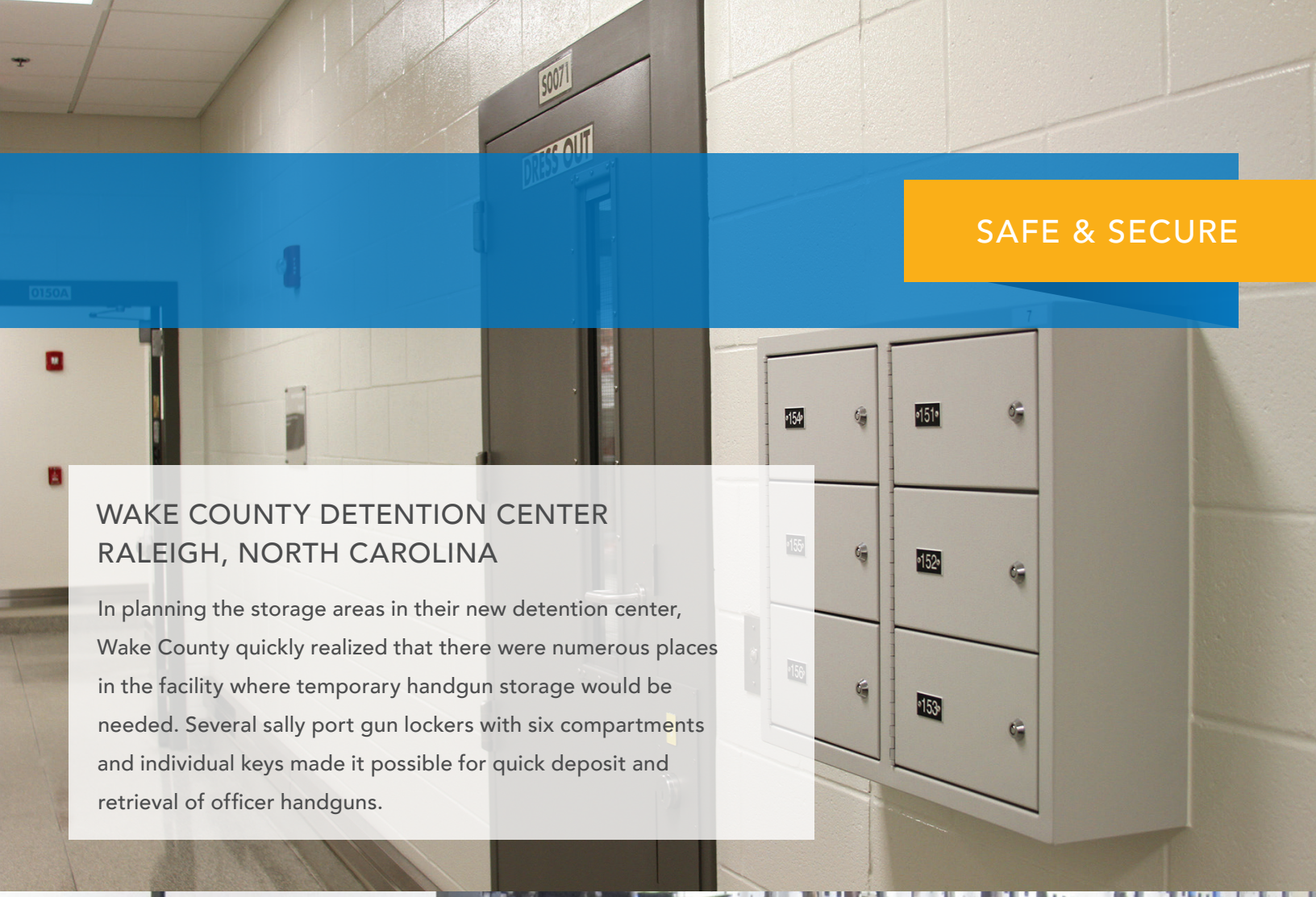
Highly secure sally port and floor-mounted gun lockers make temporary handgun storage safe and easy, and are ideal for interview rooms, common areas, or any other location or situation that requires secure storage. Lockers are available in several models with a wide range of openings and locking options.

WEAPONWRX® MODULAR STORAGE SYSTEM

The WeaponWRX modular weapons storage system was designed for storing firearms and public safety weapons and accessories. One can configure the rugged, modular steel frames with a variety of components to accommodate rifles, pistols, and other weapons and gear.

SALT LAKE CITY PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
SALT LAKE CITY, UT

When SLC was designing a new Quartermaster/Armory facility, the goal was to store sensitive equipment in a safe way while maintaining the access the staff needed. Universal Weapons Racks were combined with a high-density mobile system to compact inventory and provide security. Every type of equipment has a specific place in the mobile storage system, and the perforated doors of the UWR makes it easy to do a physical “eyes-on” count.



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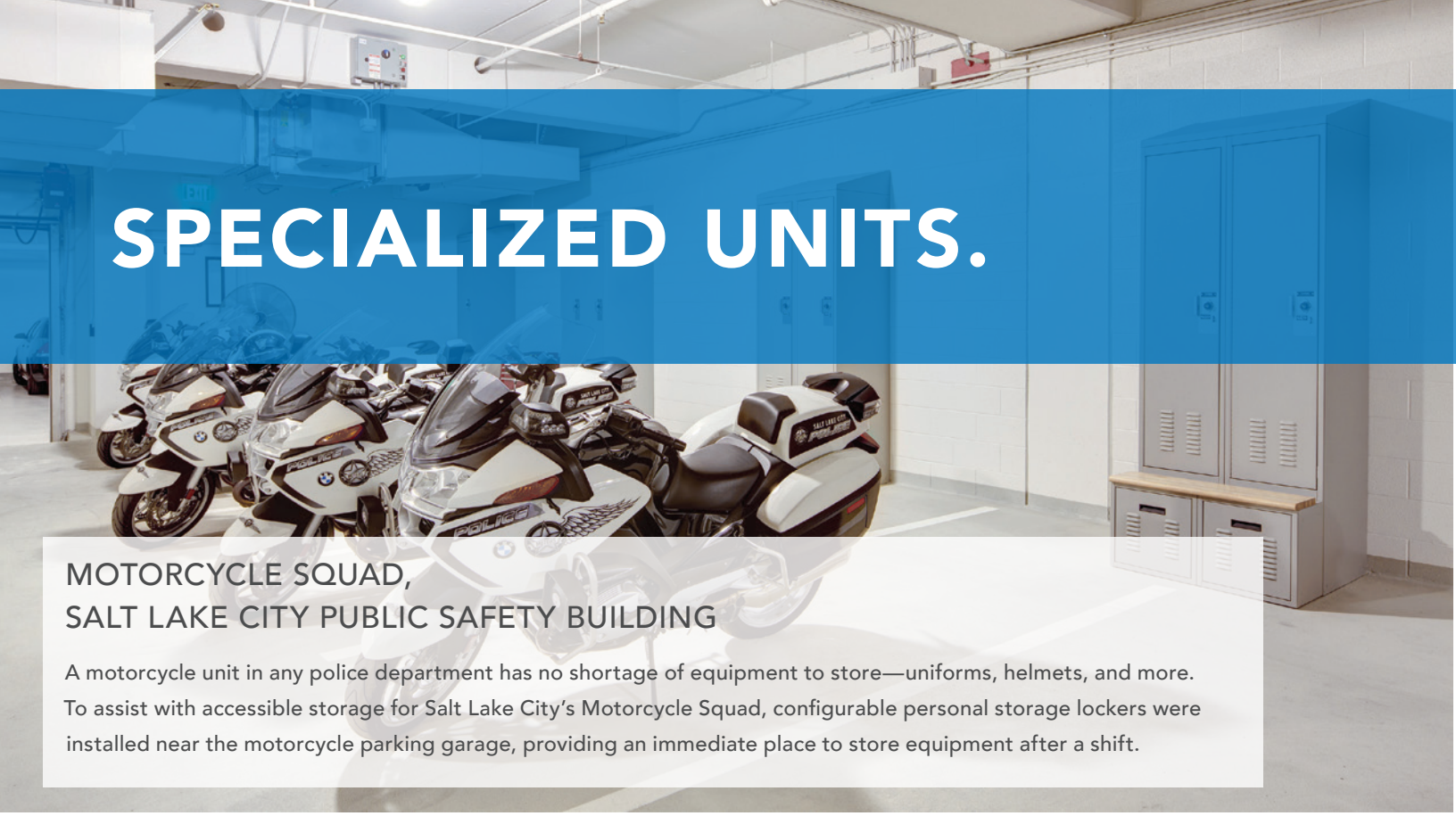
WAKE COUNTY DETENTION CENTER RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

In planning the storage areas in their new detention center, Wake County quickly realized that there were numerous places in the facility where temporary handgun storage would be needed. Several sally port gun lockers with six compartments and individual keys made it possible for quick deposit and retrieval of officer handguns.

STATE POLICE METRO-EAST FORENSIC SCIENCE LABORATORY BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS

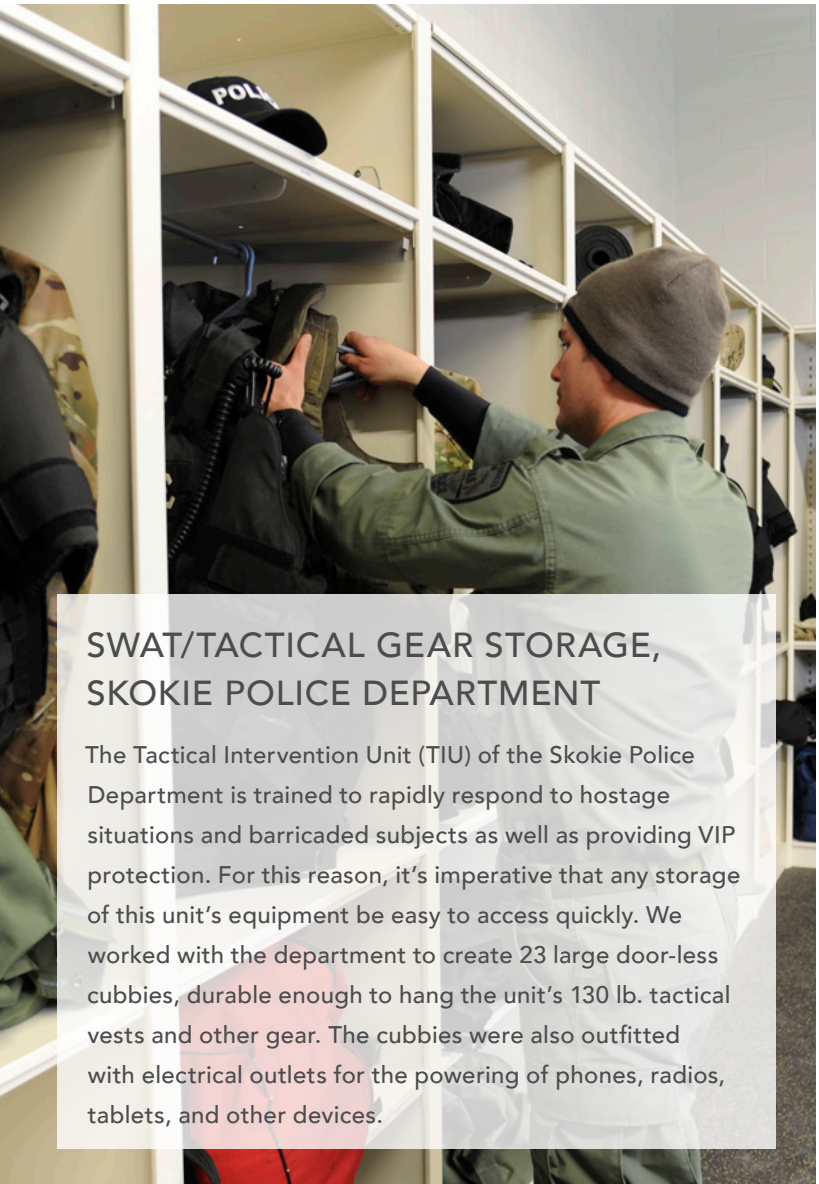
When the Metro-East Forensics Laboratory got the opportunity to rethink their weapons and pistol storage, it was important for the safe and compact storage of the hundreds of weapons either waiting to be tested or waiting to be sent back to a particular department. By integrating WeaponWRX modular steel frame onto mobile cantilever shelving, the laboratory was able to compact the gun storage into a smaller footprint while still offering fully configurable storage.

SPECIALIZED UNITS.



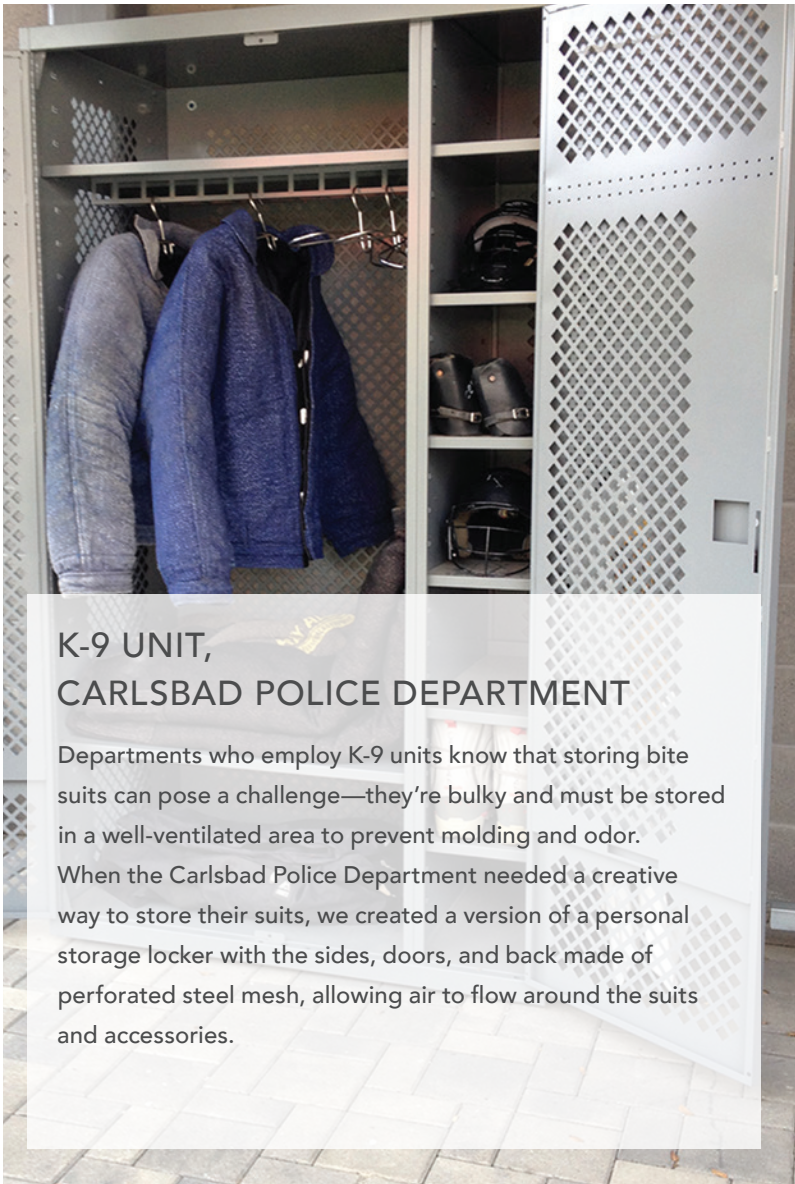
MOTORCYCLE SQUAD, SALT LAKE CITY PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

A motorcycle unit in any police department has no shortage of equipment to store—uniforms, helmets, and more. To assist with accessible storage for Salt Lake City's Motorcycle Squad, configurable personal storage lockers were installed near the motorcycle parking garage, providing an immediate place to store equipment after a shift.



SWAT/TACTICAL GEAR STORAGE, SKOKIE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Tactical Intervention Unit (TIU) of the Skokie Police Department is trained to rapidly respond to hostage situations and barricaded subjects as well as providing VIP protection. For this reason, it's imperative that any storage of this unit's equipment be easy to access quickly. We worked with the department to create 23 large door-less cubbies, durable enough to hang the unit's 130 lb. tactical vests and other gear. The cubbies were also outfitted with electrical outlets for the powering of phones, radios, tablets, and other devices.



K-9 UNIT, CARLSBAD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Departments who employ K-9 units know that storing bite suits can pose a challenge—they're bulky and must be stored in a well-ventilated area to prevent molding and odor. When the Carlsbad Police Department needed a creative way to store their suits, we created a version of a personal storage locker with the sides, doors, and back made of perforated steel mesh, allowing air to flow around the suits and accessories.

WORKING WITH AN ARCHITECT?

WE WILL HELP YOU SPEAK STORAGE

Now that you know what we're capable of assisting with—we have one final way to help: **working with the architect or general contractor on your project.**

Working with a Spacesaver storage expert can be to your advantage in every stage of planning a new or renovated facility. Take a look at how involving us in any stage of a project can alleviate stress—and eliminate the possibility of issues down the road.

Project Initiation

Inviting your local Spacesaver representative to **be part of the planning team for your facility** can create a seamless partnership between department personnel and the facility's architecture and design team.

Your community doesn't want their taxes to go up if they say "yes" to your building—and they also don't want you to have to build another one a decade from now. **We can put together drawings, cost benefits, and more**—making it easy for you to explain the benefits of smart storage to your constituents.

Budgeting & Funding

Storage, shelving, and furniture are critical cost-components when developing a preliminary project design and associated costs—if these are not budgeted for correctly, it can have a big impact your project. We'll work with you on **devising a proper budget** for these components.

Project Planning/Pre-Design

Your architect is certainly able to conduct a **space needs analysis**—but it's helpful to have a storage expert involved as well. We can help you talk through sizes for specific areas of the facility and make sure you consider all of your future needs—especially when it comes to planning for evidence storage.

Need to physically see how other departments have solved their storage issues? We can **coordinate visits to similar departments** so you can get ideas, ask questions, and check out facilities.

Design & Delivery

It's our goal to see every project through—which is why **we work side-by-side with your selected architect and general contractor** to install our products ourselves and establish a timeline for each part of your project's installation.

Selecting an architectural firm is a complex task—and from our many years of work in public safety, we're familiar with the architects that have experience with all aspects of constructing law enforcement buildings. We're happy to **make referrals and connect you with the resources you need.**

YOU DIDN'T GET INTO LAW ENFORCEMENT TO THINK ABOUT STORAGE.

LUCKILY, WE DID.

Let us partner with you—like we've partnered with many police departments across the United States and beyond—to solve the storage challenges of your department. To learn more, visit our website—or give us a call. We'd love to hear the details of your project and learn how we can help.

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