CASE STUDY: SALT LAKE CITY PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

Salt Lake City, Utah



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On Election Day in November of 2009, Salt Lake City voters approved the \$125 million general obligation bond, which funded the construction of a new Public Safety Building including and Emergency Operations Center.

Building to help those who serve and protect

The Salt Lake City Public Safety Building was created to serve as a central hub for the community by combining the police, fire and emergency response departments to one location.

Deputy Chief Tim Doubt was responsible for planning for the layout and design of the new building but had no previous experience. He enlisted a team of officers to help plan for the new building as well as local architects who specialized in designing the best public safety centers throughout the nation. With all of the emergency departments working together in one space, it was crucial that the new public safety building be functional, efficient, collaborative and most of all safe. With the Salt Lake City Public Safety Building being constructed in the center of downtown, the price per square foot was extremely high and space was tight. In order to meet all of their operations and functional needs for each department, without attaching an additional warehouse, they had to invest in more efficient way to use their space.







Left side: Double the file storage in the same storage footprint on mobile high-density shelving, images of adjustable Freestyle® personal lockers

Right side: Gear lockers keep necessary items close at hand and officers fleet of foot





Looking externally before designing internally

In the beginning stages of planning for the building layout and design, Doubt and his team looked at other modern public safety centers throughout the country including Parker Police Department located in Parker, Colorado. The Parker PD facility used innovative storage systems and the latest technology to create a state of the art police department. After seeing the many storage solutions that were being used at Parker PD and the benefits of using them throughout their facility, it was clear that's what was needed for Salt Lake City.

Working with a local representative from Spacesaver and the architects, Doubt and his team were able to plan for each department to be more efficient and functional without worrying about storage space.

"We didn't want to waste a lot of the space in the building on storage. So we started looking at smart storage."

> -Tim Doubt, Deputy Chief, Salt Lake City Police Department

Plans take form for Public Safety Building

Spacesaver systems were incorporated throughout the building that were custom designed to fit the needs of each department. Areas like the SWAT room, fitness center as well as administrative offices were fitted with specific storage based on their usability and space limitations. High-density mobile systems were installed in the quarter master facility in order to store equipment, weapons and other sensitive equipment that required added security.

Sgt. Martin Cauffman, Salt Lake City Quarter Master, said the mobile storage systems help immensely on a daily basis. "It doesn't matter how much shelving you have, if it's not the right kind of shelving, your equipment won't be stored correctly and you won't have access or be able to see what you have available during everyday inventory."

Before the new building, Cauffman had to visit four or five different locations in order to take inventory or get the equipment he needed. Now he is relieved to have everything in one area. "With Spacesaver, we had the opportunity to store everything in one location based on sensitive and nonsensitive equipment," said Cauffman, "The high-density storage allows us to store much more equipment in a limited space."





Durable, easy-to-reconfigure personal storage lockers

FreeStyle® lockers are another Spacesaver product used within the SWAT team room, employee fitness center and motorcycle garage. Each locker has the ability to be configured to fit each users specific equipment and storage needs. Lt. Scott Teerlink who worked with Doubt on the design aspects said the lockers were a huge selling point for the new building.

"We have so many different pieces of equipment that are all different shapes and sizes...it was a storage nightmare before. Working with Spacesaver we found the right way to store all of those items and it's been a huge improvement."

> -TimDoubt, Deputy Chief, Salt Lake City Police Department





One stop for organization and efficiency

Not only does each storage system help make the space within the public safety building more efficient but each department can work more effectively to help keep the community safe.

"Whenever you're more efficient, that's the whole goal of public safety: is to save lives and make the environment and community better and safer," Teerlink said. "By working together better, we not only solve a lot of things but we're also able to work to prevent a lot of crimes as well."

> Clockwise from top: Short-term evidence storage, tri-lateral file (3 file cases in back row with two lateral-sliding rows with 2 file cases each in front of it), mobile high-density file storage, artifact storage, easily maintained badge storage









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