



Village of Mount Prospect Press Release

Mount Prospect Police Headquarters Wins Chicago Building Congress Merit Award

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At the 67th Annual Merit Awards on May 11, hosted by Chicago Building Congress, the Mount Prospect Police Headquarters was awarded first place in the category of Renovation & Adaptive Reuse Over \$20M. The Mount Prospect Police Headquarters was selected out of hundreds of submittals and won the award as one out of three finalists, including the Pepper Family Wildlife Center at Lincoln Park Zoo and the Chicago Department of Aviation Pedestrian Tunnels Renovation Project.

The design and construction of the new Police Headquarters, which opened in June 2020 at 911 E. Kensington Rd., was a partnership between the Village of Mount Prospect, FGM Architects and Camosy Construction.

"I am thankful for the collaboration between our internal project team, FGM Architects and Camosy Construction," said Village Manager Mike Cassidy. "Together and with strong partnership, we were able to achieve this esteemed designation."

About the Mount Prospect Police Headquarters

Previously, the Mount Prospect Police and Fire Departments were housed in a combined facility at 112 E. Northwest Hwy. The need for a new location was identified to allow more space, expanded parking and modern technology for our Police Department to better serve the community.

"In Mount Prospect, our Police Department is the cream of the crop," said Mayor Paul Wm. Hoefert. "This award-winning facility allows our police to provide the highest-quality service to the community and reflects the emphasis the Village has on citizen safety."

Plans for the Mount Prospect Police Headquarters were approved by the Mount Prospect Village Board in March 2018, and construction began in February 2019. The building at 911 E. Kensington Rd. previously housed print inventory for Advocate Healthcare. The plan allowed for reuse of the existing building's foundation, half of the exterior walls and the entire vertical structure. [Click here](#) to view a timelapse of the Police Headquarters construction.

The new facility is 90,000 square feet and features:

- A community meeting room with full video and sound capabilities and computerized

lighting levels

- A dedicated major case conference room
- Nine holding cells, plus one dedicated holding room for minors
- Indoor parking for all Village-owned Police vehicles
- A 30-foot-wide firearm training range
- Expanded evidence collection, analysis and storage spaces
- Community storm shelter that is F5 Tornado resistant
- State of the art gym and physical training facilities

The building design itself focuses on the history of the building as a more industrial use with the exposure of column and roof structure, tall ceilings, existing skylights and durable surfaces/finishes. In 2021, the headquarters also received the top Law Enforcement Design Award from Officer Magazine.

About the Merit Awards

The Chicago Building Congress Merit Awards celebrate the collaborative effort required by the building process and the impact of that effort upon the community at large. Ten winning projects receive Merit Awards out of a total of 36 finalists. Judging is based upon the distinctiveness of design, quality of construction, impact upon the community and the project's safety record.

Merit Award categories are Education PK-12; Higher Education; Healthcare; Infrastructure or Industrial Construction; Interior Build-Out; Renovation & Adaptive Reuse Under \$20 Million; Renovation & Adaptive Reuse Over \$20 Million; Residential/Hospitality; Commercial Construction Under \$50 Million; and Commercial Construction Over \$50 million.



