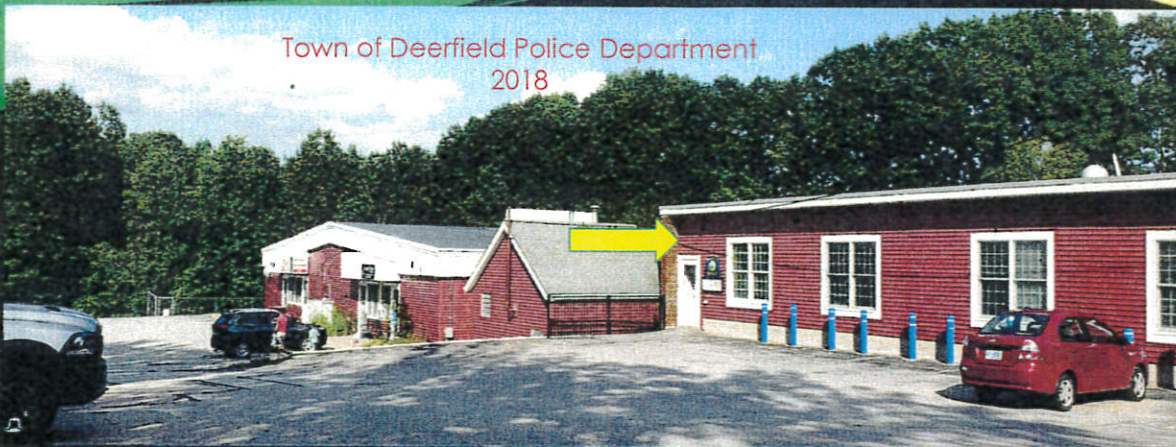


Town of Deerfield Police Department
2018



IN 2015 , THE TOWN OF DEERFIELD CONTRACTED WITH PRIMEX, NH PUBLIC RISK MANAGEMENT EXCHANGE TO CONDUCT A RISK ASSESSMENT OF THE 1,400 SQ. FOOT POLICE STATION AND OPERATIONS. THE STATION IS A REMODELED SECTION OF THE OLD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILT IN THE 1950'S. THE STATION SHARES SPACE WITH THE TOWN OFFICES, THE PARKS AND REC AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM , A HAIR SALON AND A PIZZA SHOP.

THE PRIMEX REPORT RESULTED IN SEVERAL LIMITATIONS WITH THE EXISTING FACILITY, SOME OF WHICH DO NOT MEET CURRENT FEDERAL LAW.

THIS DOCUMENT OUTLINES THE DEFICIENCIES IN THE REPORT.

SHARED PUBLIC ENTRY

A person who is under arrest is brought into the station for processing either from a public parking lot or through a shared common hallway.



PRISONER PROCESSING

Booking Room



Inadequately sized booking room for safety of offender and police personnel (42 sq. ft.)

Weapon Retention



No secure weapon retention in immediate vicinity of processing room

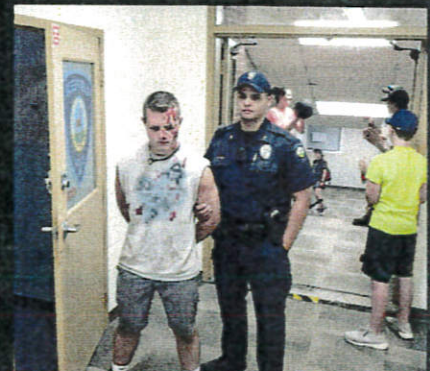
Minimal Detention Capabilities



Currently done by securing offender to wall with handcuffs

PRISONER PROCESSING CONT.

Shared access to restrooms used by members of the public. Deerfield offices of the Tax Collector, Building Inspector and Parks and Rec Department occupy the same common hallway.



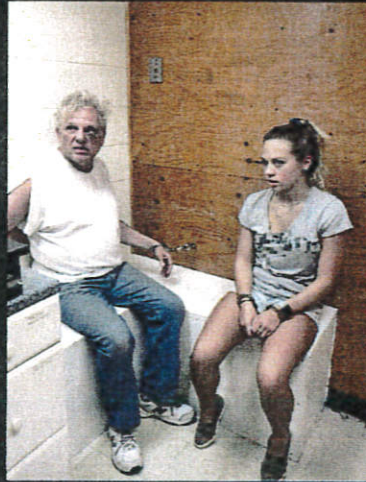
NO PRIVATE RESTROOMS

When an individual under arrest needs to use the restroom, they must be taken through a public hallway and into a restroom, also used by members of the Deerfield community.



JUVENILE FACILITIES

The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 requires juveniles to be separated by sight and sound from adult offenders. The Deerfield Police Department has no separate facilities, a violation of federal law.



COMMUNICABLE DISEASE/SANITATION

Police personnel may commonly encounter blood and bodily fluids. Currently, the only areas where disinfection of equipment and personnel can occur is the shared public bathroom or the staff breakroom sink.



STAFF FACILITIES

The station does not have separate facilities for different genders. A small shared locker room is immediately adjacent to the booking room.



PRIVACY DEFICIENCIES

Currently only one office has walls that go floor to ceiling. Interviews with witnesses, members of the community who may need assistance, and personnel discussions, have been heard outside of rooms and from the public hallway.



EVIDENCE MANAGEMENT

Weapons, drugs, and biological evidence is contained within a secure closet in a part of the building separate from the defined police station and shared by town boards and community space. Police personnel must walk through public hallways to place evidence in the room.



CRITICAL COMMUNICATION AND EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT

Communications is critical in law enforcement. Back up for vital equipment such as radios, computers and lighting is essential, typically provided by an alternate power source such as an automatic generator. No system safeguarding is currently in place.



FIRE DETECTION AND SUPPRESSION



Smoke and heat detectors exist in some areas of the station, however several rooms lack detectors (locker room, booking room). No Fire suppression exists in station, leaving vital records, evidence, ammunition, and property at risk. The current age and nature of building makes it susceptible to rapid fire spread.

STATUS OF PROJECT

- After exploring several potential parcels, the committee has selected the parcel directly across the street from the George B. White building as a suitable, town owned location for the new station.
- The committee has gone through an extensive needs assessment with Chief Duquette, has visited other stations of similar town size, and has prepared a list of specific requirements and rooms necessary to safely and legally operate the Deerfield police department.
- *The images with individuals in this presentation were reenacted to portray typical and actual situations encountered on a regular basis at the Deerfield Police Department.