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# The Candia Police Department

*-Information booklet-*

Made in conjunction with the proposal of a modernized police station.



## Thank-You!

For reading this booklet and for educating yourself on the betterment of our  
community.

-From the Officers of the Candia Police Department-

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## What is a “Modernized” Police Station?

A modernized police station utilizes new-age construction techniques which will increase both the safety and security of the facility, as well as hinder the possibility of costly civil liability issues.



It should feature cells, reinforced doors, storage lockers for both weapons and for evidence, more bathroom facilities, as well as many other things that the current building could not reasonably be adapted to provide.

In the local communities, the example of a safe and secure structure is set by Police Departments such as Epsom, Barnstead, Sandown, Allenstown, and many others.

It is highly encouraged that members of the community pay a visit to the Candia Police Department, so they may better understand the need for an updated design.

## Why is The Construction of a Modernized Police Station Necessary?

“A man is only as good as his tools.” – Emmert Wolf

1. Several towns and cities in the State of New Hampshire have adopted this concept.
2. The need for updated facilities is increasing, as the town’s population is due to increase in conjunction with new residential construction. This augments the demand for a quicker emergency response.
3. By continuing to utilize outdated facilities, a town may take-on the liability of mishaps that may occur because of this. This could lead to lawsuits that could cost the town substantial amounts of money. The amount of money lost as a result could potentially amount to more than what it would cost to construct an updated facility.
4. A Police Department is a representation of a town to the public. In a town where residential growth is eminent, having outdated facilities may impact the decision of outsiders to purchase a house in town. This will reduce potential tax contributions and the growth of our community.
5. In the ever-changing world we live in, facilities used by public safety professionals must keep pace with these changes so they may effectively serve the public. If this fails to occur, this may put the town in jeopardy.

## The Current Police Station's Deficiencies

Despite the beautiful construction of the current facility, it does have its downfalls:



Offenders are brought through a small common area to enter the booking room. If an arrestee becomes resistant, Officers are forced to struggle with this person in confined quarters, potentially while innocent civilians are in this area. This could result in injuries to bystanders.

(Shown above is a screenshot of an actual struggle which occurred in the waiting room of the police station that was captured by CCTV and involved a Candia Officer. These things do happen.)



While in the booking room, potentially dangerous offenders are only confined to the room by a common wooden door. Only able to be restrained by a handcuff attached to a metal bench that is mounted to the floor.



Despite a highly effective motion sensing alarm system, an offender could easily gain access to the facility and to classified case information through the standard residential windows of the Police Station. This also gives opportunity to vandals to cause damage.



Cruisers are stored outside 24 hours per day. This decreases the life of the vehicles. In addition, in winter months Officers are required to clean the cruisers off. This could result in increased emergency response times or in an avoidable injury.

## Deficiencies - Continued



The only area Officers can store personal belongings, uniforms, and gear is in the locker room located in the unfurnished basement. There is often not enough room for all their gear and it sometimes must be stored outside of the locker.



Visitors are only offered a small bench in the common area. Entire families sometimes visit the station and there is usually not enough room for them to fit or to socially distance. They also do not have a restroom available to them.



Townhall and the Police Department are only separated by a single wooden door. This is a safety concern for the members of town hall or any citizens who are visiting.



Due to a lack of storage space, rooms that could serve a better purpose are often filled with old case files that are awaiting archival. Not only that, but it contains police equipment as well.

## Deficiencies - Concluded



Lockers that are commonly used by fitness centers or schools are sometimes needed to be used to store evidence. This is due to a lack of storage space for such materials. Though they can be locked, their structural integrity may be easily compromised.



As you may know, there is a restroom located in townhall. Due to a lack of a toilet in the booking area, sometimes offenders must be escorted through townhall by an officer so they may use the restroom.

**Though there are many more deficiencies to cover, some were not able to be photographed and will be listed below:**

- Limited parking for visitors to both town hall and the police station. In the event of a vehicle fire or other emergencies, this could lead to catastrophic results.
- Employees do not have a shower to decontaminate after contact with pathogens or chemicals. This could result in the spreading of infectious diseases to the rest of the department or worse.
  - The booking room doubles as both a “cell” as well as an interrogation/interview room. The aggressive nature and appearance of the current booking room tends to make offenders less forthcoming in the confession of their involvement in criminal activity.

## Additional Information

Information in this booklet was created for the purpose of raising awareness on the need for a modernized police station.

This booklet is intended to highlight deficiencies of the Police Station only and the benefit of having it stand alone, away from the townhall.

It is important to note that not all deficiencies were addressed in this booklet. Residents are encouraged to visit the Police Department and request that they be shown some of the deficiencies or even to just ask questions regarding the matter.