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FGM Architects transforms Franklin County Public Safety Campus

In 2021, transformation of the Franklin County Public Safety Campus will be complete with a major addition to and renovation of existing facilities. FGM Architects is leading this multi-year project with its partner, Elevatus Architecture. The 57,532-square-foot addition houses a new 911 Emergency Management Agency and adult detention facility. Renovations to the existing 49,140-squarefoot building strengthen the County Sheriff's Office operating capacity.

Planning and preparation

The story of this critical infrastructure investment began in 2018 when FGMA and Elevatus Architecture were jointly commissioned by Franklin County and Sheriff's Office to review existing conditions and look at proposed options for building additions. At the outset, key issues focused on code compliance, and significant overcrowding in the jail.

FGMA's comprehensive analysis drew from interviews with county staff and code commissioners, site visits and iterative rounds of diagramming and planning. The final design encompassed phased construction strategies to mitigate the challenges of building on a constrained site while maintaining operations of an outdoor firing range and separate vehicle/classroom buildings.

911 Emergency Management

Franklin County's new 8,400-square-



The control room for the jail of the Franklin County, Mo., Sheriff's Office.

foot 911 Emergency Management

Agency includes an Emergency Op-

erations and Communications Center

and Main Data Facility, housed in an

ICC-500 rated structure that incor-

porates resilient design to withstand

whatever Mother Nature conjures up.

generator and HVAC Central Plant in a

protected mechanical yard. A communications tower has equipment to support

building, redundant and upgraded utilities.

<u>A strengthened Sheriff's Department</u> Previously, overcrowding was a

serious problem for jail of the Franklin

The EMA has a dedicated emergency

County Sheriff's Office. The new adult detention facility includes beds for 306 inmates in several classifications including long-term (244), medical/booking (22) and weekend/work release (40) detention. An elevated central control center ensures safety and security.

The comprehensive overhaul of the Franklin County Sheriff's Department includes space that was repurposed from the old jail.

Today, ample workspace is provided for operations and command staff as well as training, briefing and conference rooms. Staff well-being is enhanced with



A look at the dayroom at the jail of the Franklin County, Mo., Sheriff's Office.

a break room, locker/changing space, toilet/shower rooms and a fitness area.

Improved public service

The Franklin County Public Safety Campus is protected with a perimeter/interior surveillance system as well as electronic access controls. The Sheriff's Office has improved its operating capacity, safety, security and efficiency.

Overall, County Sheriff Steven Pelton observes that, "Our new facility is more efficient, effective and safer. Every victim deserves justice, and this new jail facility will ensure that is given."











