

Bloomington Fire Station

- Located in Bloomington, IN
- New Construction: 12,000 s.f.
- Project Description: The concern of the City's leadership and building committee was that this new headquarters building be well designed while respecting taxpayers' monies. This required bringing construction costs in at a budget of \$1 million. The use of split-faced concrete masonry units was key in meeting the budget and carrying out the concept.

The site for the building had a direct influence on the design. A culvert running diagonally through the site, and associated City restrictions, limited the site's buildable area and dictated a two-story scheme. Fire fighters' living quarters are stacked above the apparatus bay, and the administration areas step back in a regular pattern reflecting the storm culvert. The street side of the building reflects the imagery of a more traditional fire house. The salmon-colored block that is used to define the base of the building is also carried up at vertical elements which express functions within the building, such as hose tower, stair tower, and fire pole.

The administration area is the only area that is handicapped accessible. Given that fire fighters must be free mobile individuals, it was not required that the second level living quarters be accessible.

