



# Bloomington Fire Station

Bloomington, IN



ARCHITECTURE INTERIOR DESIGN  
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE ENGINEERING

City leadership and the building committee for this project set a goal to provide a well designed new headquarters building which would respect taxpayers' monies on a limited construction budget not-to-exceed \$1,000,000. The use of natural color split-faced concrete masonry units was key in meeting the budget while executing the design 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 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 warm beige colored block is used to define the base of the building and is also carried up at vertical elements which express functions within the building, such as hose tower, stair tower, and fire pole. The entire administrative area is handicapped accessible.



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Construction  
12,000 sq. ft.

Construction Cost  
\$1,000,000

Completion Date  
1993

### Owner

Bloomington Fire Department  
City of Bloomington

### Reference

Chief Todd Easton

### Features

Three Apparatus Bays  
Living quarters stacked above  
apparatus bay

Excellence in Architecture  
Award Winner from the  
American Institute of  
Architects, 1993

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