

15th District Police Station

Fact Sheet

As part of Mayor Richard M. Daley's Neighborhoods Alive program, 12 replacement police stations are being built citywide by the Public Building Commission (PBC). Since 1999, the PBC has completed new police stations in Districts 1, 6, 16 and 18—with District 20 currently under construction—as well as the new Chicago Police Headquarters.

- The new 15th District Police Station will be built on both sides of Madison Street between Parkside Avenue and Menard Avenue;
- On the south side of the street between Waller and Menard will be the building itself; parking lots will be east and west of the station and on the north side of the street, extending toward Mayfield Avenue;
- The current Austin District Police Station was built in 1918 at 5327 W. Chicago Avenue;
- Based on prototype design, the new 42,000 sq. ft. station will be more than twice the size of the original.

The new 15th District Police Station will include:

- Community Room for group functions, such as Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy (CAPS) meetings. With a seating capacity for more than 100 individuals, the Community Room can be partitioned to host two meetings simultaneously;
- Secure Viewing and Line-Up Room to protect crime victims and witnesses, while allowing for the identification of alleged offenders;
- Separate entrance for prisoners to keep them apart from the public;
- Video Arraignment Room that will allow for adjudication of misdemeanor cases using a video teleconferencing feed linked directly to courtrooms when the court system installs compatible equipment;
- Fiber optics network installed for faster, more efficient 911 system, telephone system, local area network and wide area network (LAN/WAN) for computer and cable connections;
- Fitness Room for officers and personnel;
- Roll Call Room with four 40" diagonal screens for use in briefing sessions, meetings and software training. This "video wall" can receive simultaneous feeds from three different computers, providing for greater access to information;
- Electronic security consoles installed throughout facility to monitor entrance, exits and activities within both the secured and public areas of the building. Cameras mounted on exterior of building to allow for outside monitoring, as well;
- "Quiet Room" where officers can relieve stress and receive counseling after a traumatic situation.

