

PROPOSED DURHAM POLICE FACILITY EXPANSION & RENOVATION 2017

What's special about the Durham Police Department?

The Durham Police Department is not “just like any other police department.” It is nationally accredited, nationally recognized, progressive, well managed, and community-focused.

- According to the 2017 Community Survey conducted by the UNH Survey Center, 97% of Durham residents rate the PD as “Good” or “Excellent” and 99% of residents feel safe in their homes
- Fewer than 10% of PDs achieve the rigorous CALEA Certification that Durham has year after year
- Senior staff regularly present at national conferences and evaluate PDs across the country
- Durham has one of the lowest “Costs per Call” in New Hampshire
- Durham hires excellent officers, among them women officers who serve in key roles in our community (e.g., senior sergeant; school resource, senior patrol, and field training officers)

What is the history of the current building?

- Although built in 1950, the Police Department has occupied it since 1997

Why are both an EXPANSION and a RENOVATION needed, and why NOW?

- Both expansion and renovation are critical to ensuring a facility that can serve the Durham community for decades
- Combining them into one project NOW is cost-efficient, takes advantage of current low interest rates, and best addresses deficiencies

What issues will the EXPANSION solve?

- Expands much-needed room for interviews and investigations
- Expands current inadequate women's locker room
- Expands woefully inadequate space for physical evidence processing and record storage and retrieval, as well as space for and access to police equipment

What problems and issues will the RENOVATIONS solve?

- Greater ADA compliance
- New HVAC to meet current standards
- Energy-efficient windows and insulation
- Electrical, alarm, and security upgrades
- Interior repairs (sheetrock, floors, ceilings)
- New safe room and secure transaction window
- Indoor “sally port” for arrest transfers and witness protection
- New personnel and gun locker

Total cost of the expansion/renovation? \$1.96 million bonded over 20 years



*However . . . even if there is no expansion/renovation, we will need to spend
\$1.21 million merely for required compliance repairs & upgrades and to meet code*



On March 14, 2017 voters must approve the bond by a 2/3 majority

For more information, go to the Town of Durham website: <https://www.ci.durham.nh.us/police>
