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# Robert Libke Public Safety Building Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Oregon City Police and Municipal Court Services

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OREGON CITY, OR - The Oregon City Police Department to host ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Robert Libke Public Safety Building at 1234 Linn Avenue today at 6:00 pm.

Due to COVID-19, attendance is restricted; however, to share this momentous occasion, the ceremony will be aired live on the City of Oregon City's YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofOregonCity> The ceremony officially opens the facility to the public and pays homage to fallen Officer Robert Libke by unveiling his bronzed boots, an effort led by Oregon City community members and local artists. In attendance at today's ceremony will be mayors and commissioners involved in the support of this project, representatives of FFA Architecture, P&C Construction, PlanB Consultancy, Wendy and Ziva Libke, and City staff.

"This ribbon cutting ceremony is our first step in the new legacy of our Department and our service to the residents of Oregon City," said Chief James Band. "This building will be a beacon of safety for our community for years to come."

The new police headquarters is a \$16 million project for the City of Oregon City that replaces current police headquarters located at 320 Warner Milne Road which was originally built in the 1960's and fails to meet even today's current minimum standards.

The new 34,000 square foot facility is built to the highest life safety standards and houses Administration, Investigations, Patrol, Support and Municipal Court Staff.

Providing owner representation and project management services on behalf of Oregon City, PlanB Consultancy helped to oversee the successful construction and development process for the much-needed public safety facility.

Working collaboratively with OCPD leadership, staff, and the community, FFA Architecture and Interiors developed a design to meet the aspirations of the department while reflecting the story of Oregon City. The new facility strives to balance the need for security with an open and transparent connection to the community.

As the General Contractor P&C Construction provide pre-construction services throughout the early development of the project and oversight of the construction process until the completion. P&C Construction was honored to be part of such a wonderful and much needed project for the City of Oregon City.

The design focuses on providing the best service possible to citizens coming to the police for help including private interview rooms, and separate entrances for suspects and victims to ensure the community feels safe doing police business or visiting the court. The new courtroom will also function as a commission chambers and emergency operations center with complete focus on safety. The modern, energy-efficient facility was constructed with Cross Laminated Timber (CLT), a newer, sustainable material.

A Time lapse camera was placed at the construction site and captured the build process:  
[https://builtbypandc.sharepoint.com/:v/g/external/EdQn7LPj6JdJheFYTF5\\_16sBCln11nOVe3dvdgOx3UTJ9Q?e=yjapeR](https://builtbypandc.sharepoint.com/:v/g/external/EdQn7LPj6JdJheFYTF5_16sBCln11nOVe3dvdgOx3UTJ9Q?e=yjapeR)

In the months ahead, the Oregon City Police Department anticipates inviting the public to the Robert Libke Public Safety Building through online, virtual tours. Police and Court operations have fully transferred to the new location and phone numbers have changed.

Police 503-905-3501

Code Enforcement 503-905-3665

Municipal Court 503-905-3675

#### **Timeline of Facility**

- November 3, 2013 Oregon City Police Officer Robert Libke was shot and killed while responding to a house fire on Linn Ave.
- December 2014 City Commission approved purchase of Mt. Pleasant School from Oregon City School District
- May 2015 City Commission approved the Community Safety Advancement Fund
- September 2017 Oregon City voters approved a \$16 million revenue bond measure
- February 2018 Design process begins with the hiring of a technical advisor
- July 2018 Architect and Project Manager selected for building
- September 2018 Schematic design kicked off, and site due diligence took place

- November 2018 The General Contractor is hired for the building
- January 2019 Conceptual development finalized the building design
- July through October 2020 Construction of facility

### **History**

State standards require that essential needs facilities meet seismic standards by the year 2022. The existing Police facility (located at 320 Warner Milne Road) was built in the 1960's and fails to meet even the minimum standards. Intended as a temporary location, the Police Department was placed in the building thirty years ago, and the size of the Department has since doubled. The building is inadequate to serve the public.

In September of 2017, voters approved issuance of \$16 million in bonds for construction of a new building. The bonds will be repaid with revenues from the Community Safety Advancement Fund utility fee. Additional resources for the building include accumulated savings, a contribution from the City's General Fund and proceeds from the sale of the existing building. In June 2019, a project kick-off was held to honor the Mt. Pleasant School site and welcome the construction of the Robert Libke Public Safety Building.

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