

Spring Lake Park-Blaine-Mounds View Fire Station



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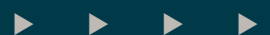
Nyle Zikmund

Fire Chief

Spring Lake Park-Blaine-

Mounds View Fire Department

Square Footage: 34,000
Project Cost: \$7.1 million
Architect: Tushie
Montgomery Architects
Schedule: November 2005 to
September 2006



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There is much more to your local fire department than meets the eye. And there is no better example than the Spring Lake Park-Blaine-Mounds View (SBM) Fire Department in Minnesota.

This collaborative partnership began in 1944. But as the area's growth boomed over the past several decades, the partnership was put to the test: How could they keep pace with the increased needs of their communities?

The answer was to replace two aging fire stations with one brand-new, centrally located, state-of-the-art facility, nicknamed the "super station." Although it made great sense, it didn't come easy. The vision

surfaced in 1999 and then had to pass through the public approval process in three different cities.

Once everyone was on board, the department hired Bossardt Corporation to serve as the project's construction manager. The task was clear: come in on time and under (not just on) budget.

"While the timeline was critical, being under budget was imperative," says SBM Fire Chief Nyle Zikmund. "Bossardt Corporation kept everything on track and helped us minimize change orders. One project parameter was that any change order over \$10,000 would have to go back to all three city councils for approval. That would have decimated our schedule. We didn't have a single change order over \$10,000. I attribute that to Bossardt Corporation."

Zikmund acknowledges there were plenty of other challenges as well, but the project came in as ordered, and the communities are reaping the benefits.

The station is an aesthetic addition to the neighborhood. It has a 100-seat training room, a simulation room with driving and command/emergency management simulators; a workout facility open to all city workers; a practical training center that can be filled with smoke; offices; and conference rooms with the latest A/V technology.

"We certainly fight fires, but there is much more to it than that," says Zikmund. "Fire prevention is key. Our new facility enables us to even better spread the word to the people we serve."

