

# SUWANEЕ POLICE SUBSTATION

Suwanee, Georgia



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TSW, along with a subconsultant team, was selected to provide full design and construction phase services for the new 7,100 square foot City of Suwanee Police Substation and Training Center. The new substation and training center will provide a highly visible police presence in the Suwanee Gateway area. The facility will serve as a walk-up police substation for residents, provide training classes for Suwanee and surrounding police officers, and include an indoor firing range with four lanes to provide training and certification for both rifles and handguns.

The design is intentionally civic in nature; the building is on a grander scale and the site focuses on the public realm. The site design will enhance the streetscape with a small pedestrian plaza replete with public art and by locating the parking lot to the rear and side only. Stylistically the building is more contemporary with the use of clean lines in brick and a lofty glazed entrance and its fresh look helps link it to the recently completed City Hall.

The team and client began the process with a very interactive design charrette, resulting in numerous creative solutions to stated program. We devised smart ways to allow the break room to enliven and spill into the entry hall, to demarcate the locker room from the public bathrooms, to deliver two training rooms for the cost of one, and to save on lighting costs as well as stormwater management costs.

