

Fire Station Experience



Michael Petrovick Architects (MPA) specializes in leading-edge, safety-driven fire station design for small to medium-sized fire departments with volunteer or blended staffs. Departments seeking guidance concerning safety facility needs and planning benefit from our experience and understanding of 21st-century design for public safety that supports each department's mission and integrates into the community's fabric.

MPA has a reputation for our collaborative design approach, which we have honed from many and varied municipal design projects. Our approach combines active listening and deep respect for our client's needs, vision, and budget. Our fire department clients achieve functional spaces and environmentally friendly buildings that typically exceed their expectations.



Westmoreland Fire Station Feasibility Study and Design Services

Client: Town of Westmoreland, NH
Year completed: 2024
Square footage: 6,500 square feet
Estimated cost of construction: \$2.5 million
Contacts: Steve Horton, Owner's Rep, (603) 313-9333
Harry Nelson, Chief, (603) 399-9993

The Town of Westmoreland retained Michael Petrovick Architects to design a new fire station to replace the station built in 1958. As a small community, Westmoreland has a volunteer fire department with an existing station that requires special order pump trucks and has very limited space on the surrounding site. The team's planning process and community engagement were inspired by the department's desire for their building to reflect a more progressive approach to public safety and to realize a solution appropriate for a small, historic community. The result is a new state-of-the-art facility that blends into the historic village of Westmoreland.

Walpole Fire Station Expansion

Client: Town of Walpole, NH
Year completed: Construction begins in fall 2024
Square footage: 13,000 square feet
Estimated cost of construction: \$4.7 million
Contacts: Steve Horton, Owner's Rep, (603) 313-9333
Mark Houghton, Chief, (603) 756-3621



Michael Petrovick Architects is assisting the Town of Walpole, New Hampshire, in the design of a partial renewal of the town's existing 8,500 SF fire station with a 4,500 SF expansion to provide space for much-needed decontamination facilities and expanded EMS services. Our initial study included an operational and space needs analysis of the existing station and programming to identify current and future needs. The study's information and outcomes provided a concept plan for the project's design development phase. The proposed renovation will provide new administrative offices, an Emergency Operation Center (EOC), staff locker facilities, decontamination spaces for both fire and EMS, three additional apparatus bays for ambulances, EMS storage, and a future dormitory.

Marlow Fire & Police Station Feasibility Study

Client: Town of Marlow, NH
Year completed: 2024
Square footage: 6,600 square feet
Estimated cost of construction: \$3.9 million
Contacts: Samantha Brewer, EMS Captain,
(603) 446-7511



Michael Petrovick Architects worked with the Town of Marlow to complete a Feasibility Study for a public safety building to replace its current fire station, constructed in 1958, and provide space for their police department. The study proposes situating the facility on NH Route 10, reducing response time. The 6,600-square-foot station includes an apparatus bay for 7 vehicles, offices for administration, and a 30-seat training room.



Winchester Fire Station Feasibility Study

Client: Town of Winchester, NH
Year completed: In progress
Square footage: 8,200 square feet
Estimated cost of construction: \$4.4 million
Contacts: Christopher Steadman, Winchester
Firefighter Association,
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Michael Petrovick Architects worked with the Winchester Fire Department on a Feasibility Study to rehabilitate or replace the Winchester Fire Station. The study includes an option to rehabilitate and expand the existing station or to build a new facility at another location in town. The option for the existing station adds administrative space and provides space for the department's EMS ambulances and living quarters for on-duty staff. The option for a new station uses a similar plan altered to eliminate the restrictions of the existing building.

Cheshire County EMS

Client: City of Keene, NH
Year completed: 2022
Square footage: 9,100 square feet
Estimated cost of construction: \$1.4 million
Contacts: Christopher Coates, County Administrator,
(603) 355-3031



Michael Petrovick Architects joined Cheshire County in their mission to introduce a county-operated EMS with 24/7 staffing to provide service to regional municipalities. Cheshire EMS will employ 25-30 staff, with six to eight members per shift on site. The former residential and commercial site was redeveloped with a new 3,600 SF building to provide six apparatus bays with support facilities.

The existing 2,500 SF commercial building was rehabilitated to provide administrative offices and staff living quarters, including sleeping rooms for seven staff members, a day room, and a kitchen facility. The existing residence was rehabilitated and updated to provide temporary housing for traveling nurses who work for the County.