

OCEAN CITY POLICE DEPT DOWNTOWN SUBSTATION

OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND

Gillis Gilkerson completed construction of the Ocean City Police Department Downtown Substation, that now stands at the intersection of S. Baltimore Avenue and Somerset Street in Ocean City, MD. The new substation is now in a prime location in the heart of Downtown Ocean City, ensuring that police services are more accessible to the community.

The Ocean City Police Department Downtown Substation is a three-story building, that was thoughtfully designed inside and out. Each floor serves a unique purpose, with the ground floor offering a public-facing lobby, an interview room, break room and a bicycle repair garage with storage available for the bicycle unit. The second floor has secure workspace for Ocean City Police Department's Police force and Public Safety Officers. The third floor is dedicated to creating seasonal housing for municipal employees and seasonal Public Safety Officers, easing the burden of finding affordable living arrangements and managing commutes during peak season.

Ocean City Development Corporation (OCDC) Board Member Kevin Gibbs is credited with initiating the idea for the project. OCDC worked alongside the Town of Ocean City to see the project through, assisting the efforts by obtaining grant funds for the initial building design and funding a portion of the construction debt service costs. OCDC will maintain involvement managing tenants on the third floor once the building is occupied.

Construction of the substation took into account the Somerset Street Shuttle Stop that serves as a major hub for public transit and area shuttles. Vending machines, public restrooms and a large awning covering benches were included on the Somerset Street side to create a welcoming drop-off point for visitors. The building exterior maintains a coastal aesthetic, complete with an eye-catching tower and architectural details in line with downtown design standards, that mirror many other OCDC projects.

Gillis Gilkerson Project Manager Rich Hertzog, Superintendent Jim Morris and Project Executive Dwight Miller worked closely with Town of Ocean City officials, Ocean City Police Department leadership and OCDC representatives to see the project through to completion ahead of the busy summer season.



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