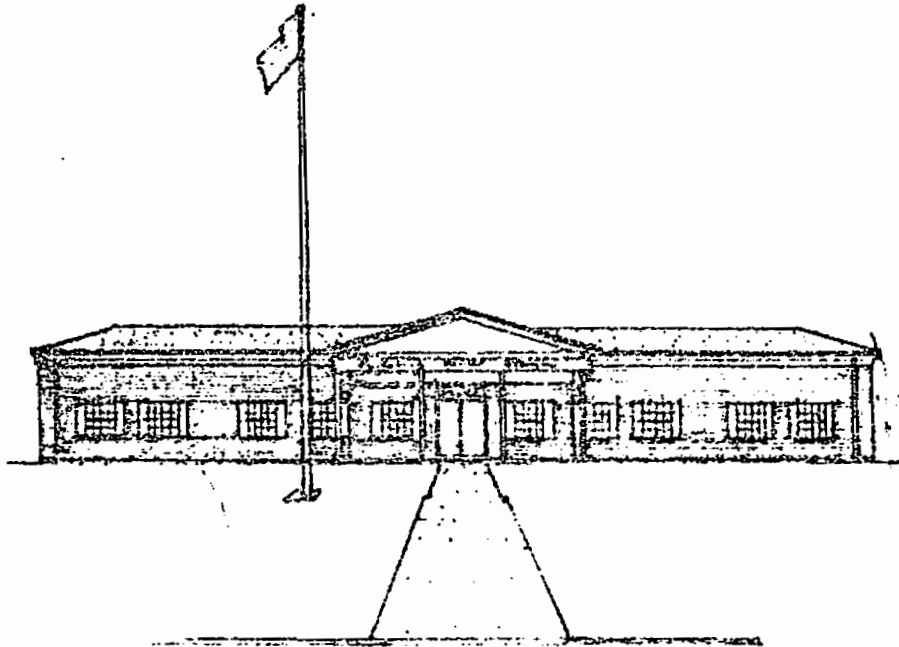


THE NEW SMITHFIELD POLICE STATION



DEDICATION DAY
JANUARY 14, 1973

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Chairman-- ORLANDO T. SPINELLA Secretary--DEPUTY CHIEF JAMES H. McVEY
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Alternates--SGT. SAVERIO E. SERAPIGLIA DR. JOHN P. PASCONI

Architect--JOHN D. TESSAGLIA & ASSOCIATES North Providence, R. I.

General Contractor--PITI BUILDING CO., INC. Cranston, R. I.

After so many years of such an obvious need for a new police station in Smithfield, a program was finally commenced in Dec. of 1970 with the announcement by the Smithfield Town Council that the building of such a facility would become a priority item and that approval would be sought from the taxpayers at the 1971 Annual Town Financial Meeting.

Between December of 1970 and May of 1971, the members of the police department engaged in a public relations program to impress upon the people of Smithfield the urgent need for the new facility. From the Smithfield Lodge No. 17, Fraternal Order of Police, a committee was formed to spearhead this campaign. Mr. Orlando T. Spinella of the Smithfield Planning Board drew up a preliminary set of plans setting forth a building with a colonial style as its dominant outward theme.

At the Annual Town Financial Meeting in May of 1971, the taxpayers of Smithfield approved a \$150,000.00 bond issue for the construction of the new station. Shortly thereafter, the Town Council appointed a building committee and said committee met and organized on June 29, 1971.

The building committee immediately set to work with its first task, the selection of a site. In this respect the Town of Smithfield was extremely fortunate when Mr. and Mrs. S. Burton Mowry of Smithfield donated a large tract of land on Pleasant View Ave. for the purpose. Adding to their generosity, Mr. and Mrs. Mowry gave permission for the Town to use any of their adjoining land as might be needed for filling in or for landscaping. Their only request was that the land not be left in an unattractive manner. Anyone viewing the site today must admit that the overall picture is as pleasant and beautiful as one would find anywhere and at any season of the year.

The land itself originally was for the most part undeveloped and the members of the Police Dept. took it upon themselves to work weekends during their off duty hours to develop and prepare the site.

Through the cooperation of Mr. Alonzo Thurber, the Smithfield Highway Commissioner, highway trucks were loaned to the police on weekends and holidays. Several off duty officers of the regular force and some of the part time officers drove the trucks hauling fill from one part of the site to another. Mr. Abbott Katzman of Kane Rd. Smithfield very generously provided a bulldozer and a huge road scraper with operators at no cost to the Town. Mr. Donald R. Carlton of Smithfield spent several weekends operating heavy equipment. Mr. William Davis sent workers from his company, Bill's Greenville Tree Service, to clear the land. Many persons, some of whom were never identified, dropped off refreshments to the men as they worked preparing the site. Quite often families of the officers' would be present and it was not uncommon to see their young sons and daughters happily riding in the heavy trucks as they bounced from one end of the site to another. Countless spectators added their moral support by just being there. After several weeks of hard work, this phase was completed and the site was ready for the start of construction. Contractors who witnessed the this work as it progressed and was completed, estimated that had this site work gone out on contract it probably would have cost in the neighborhood of some \$30,000.00.

In the meantime, John A. Tessaglia AIA of North Providence had been selected as the architect and set forth finalizing the plans.

In October of 1971 it was learned that there was a possibility of obtaining a grant from the Economic Development Administration of the United States Department of Commerce and an application was filed. Through the assistance of Senator Claiborne Pell, from the State of Rhode Island, a grant was obtained and on Feb. 23, 1972 Senator Pell's office announced that the Economic Development Administration had approved the amount of \$237,600.00 to aid in the construction and equipping of the new station.

The project went out to public bid on April 7, 1972 and on May 6, 1972 the contract was awarded to the low bidder, the Piti Building Co. of Cranston, R.I.

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held on Saturday, May 27, 1972 and the final phase of the long awaited project was at last underway.

Even with unavoidable delays which usually always occur in construction, the building was completed in what might be record time and on Nov. 18, 1972, the Police Department moved into the new facility and immediately and happily began operating from the new home.

As is probably commonplace among all building committees after a project has been completed, we looked back at the problems encountered, the hard work involved and even the occasional humorous incidents and only those who have served on building committees know the hard work, long hours, the criticisms and disappointments encountered before the final goal is reached.

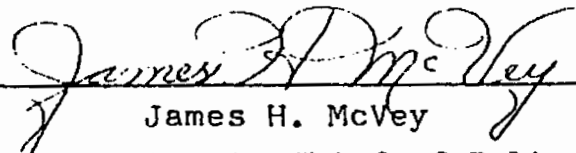
Since its very inception this Committee has been an excellent working group. The selection of Mr. Tessaglia as the architect proved to be practical and advantageous especially with his office being close by in neighboring North Providence. Mr. Tessaglia is a member of the American Institute of Architects and a very capable man in his field, who made himself available at almost anytime. It was a fairly common occurrence to have members of the committee running back and forth to his office to discuss and work out the major and minor problems.

It might be well to laud the selection of the Piti Building Co. as the general contractor for its president, Joseph Piti, is a Smithfield resident and took much more than a passing or business interest in the project. Mr. Piti seemingly made himself available around the clock, never failed to attend meetings, was always receptive to proposed changes even suggesting many himself. He would also point out ways in which we were able to save money and it was not unusual to find him nights and weekends here assisting us in something which was not part of the general contract. If we seem strong in praise of Mr. Piti, it is because we feel that he well deserving of it and the taxpayers of Smithfield should be quite satisfied with his service.

With the original funds appropriated by the Town of Smithfield and the federal assistance grant from the Economic Development Administration, the final cost of the project approaches some \$387,600.00. This figure does not take into consideration the obviously high value of the land, which Mr. and Mrs. Mowry donated to the Town, nor does it take into consideration the very sizeable amount of money saved by the donation of services and equipment in the site preparation.

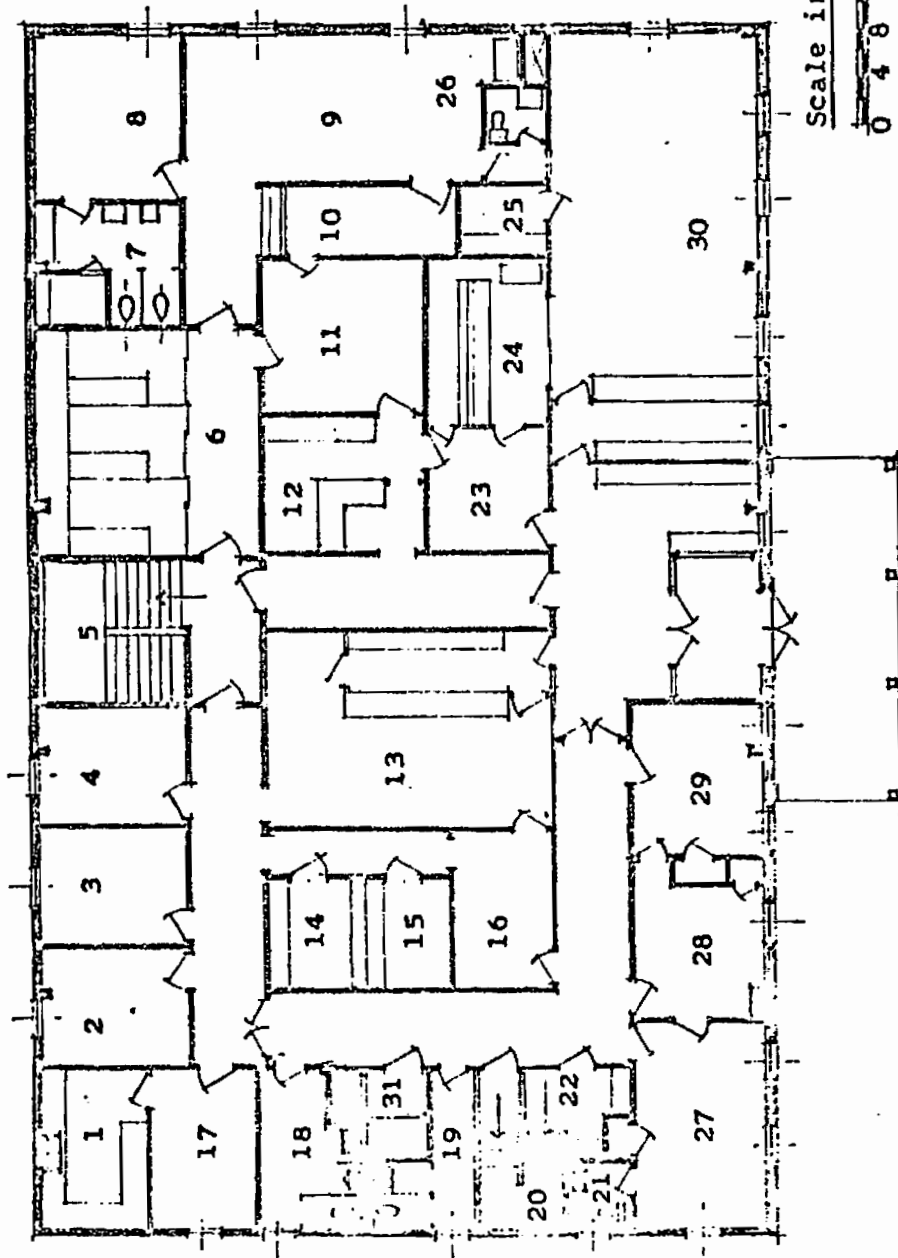
We of the Building Committee have sincerely tried our utmost to successfully complete this project and make this facility one of the most attractive yet practical police stations anywhere. If we have failed in any manner this just illustrates that we are mere mortals and as such can never reach perfection.

Obviously it is impossible to seek out and thank each and every one who helped in anyway to build this station and unfortunately, if we did try, we know that inadvertently we would forget someone. Therefore we fervently hope that our sincere appreciation to all, as expressed here and now, will be sufficient to attain and accomplish that intent.



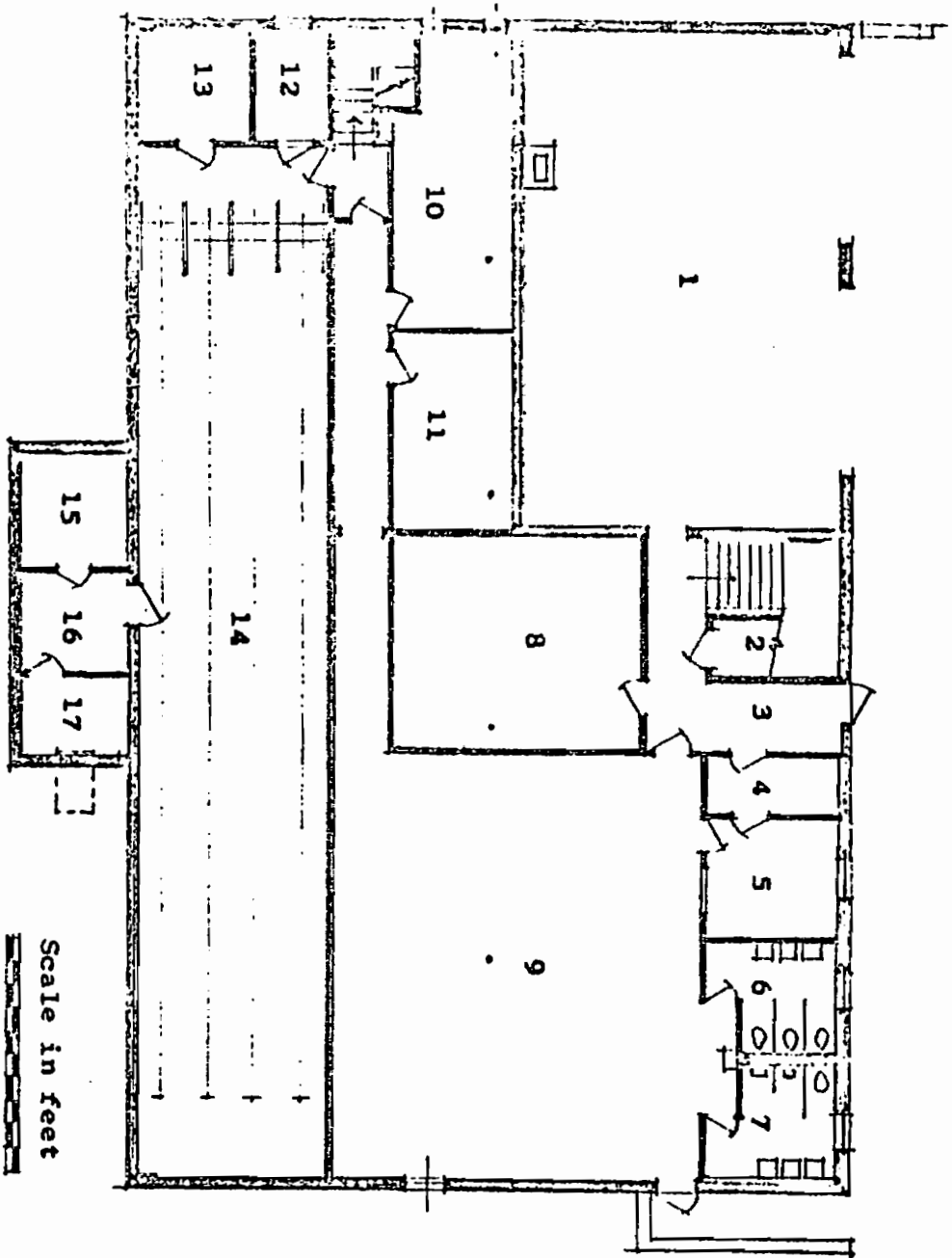
James H. McVey
Deputy Chief of Police
Secretary-Building Committee

1. Dark Room
2. Interrogation
3. Interrogation
4. Interrogation
5. Stairs
6. Cell Block
7. Mens' Toilet
8. Locker Room
9. Squad Room
10. Files
11. Conference Room
12. Traffic Office
13. Detective Division
14. Juvenile Detention
15. Juvenile Detention
16. Detective Commander
17. Identification
18. Mens' Toilet
19. Womens' Toilet
20. Stairs
21. Chief's Toilet
22. Storage
23. Private Office
24. Communications
25. Detention Room
26. Toilet
27. Chief's Office
28. Secretary's Office
29. Deputy Chief's Office
30. Main Office
31. Custodian's Closet



Scale in feet
 0 4 8 12 16 20

FIRST FLOOR PLAN



BASEMENT PLAN

Scale in feet
 0 4 8 12 16 20

- 1. Garage
- 2. Storage
- 3. Rear Entry
- 4. Kitchen Storage
- 5. Kitchen
- 6. Womens' Toilet
- 7. Mens' Toilet
- 8. Civil Defense
- 9. Meeting Room
- 10. Mechanical Room
- 11. Storage
- 12. Generator Room
- 13. Armory
- 14. Pistol Range
- 15. State Evidence
- 16. Storage
- 17. Water Tank