Finding 50% More Space at 100% Capacity

An evidence vault is a secure room that stores critical evidence used to solve cases. If the evidence pertains to homicide, it remains in the vault forever or for various periods. The South Elgin Police Department's Property Room was at 100% capacity and then some.

Initially, the Public Works Department built some storage shelves and a locked cabinet in 2008. The configuration was no longer effective, with an aisle of storage on either side of a long table in the middle of the room. Evidence was piling up, and the cramped space with poor lighting had made it time-consuming to find evidence when requested.

South Elgin Police Department Evidence Officer, Jennifer Miklitsch, started by finding a company to help with the storage issue. It wasn't until a law enforcement conference that she met a Wolter storage and handling expert.

The design created by Wolter exceeded all other competitors with a space configured to include: high-density mobile storage, a highly-secure locked cabinet for drugs and jewelry, modular shelving, and storage shelves for large and bulky evidence.

The configuration also included a large worktable, with supply shelves wall-mounted above the work area and in an open corner.

Preparations Begin

The evidence officers began sorting through evidence associated with various cases, eliminating certain items, and sorting the remaining items to be categorized, labeled, and stored in the new system.

The installation only took a week to complete. The officers in charge of the project chose a blue-gray storage unit with dark gray bins. Evidence-related art hung throughout gave the room an impressive look. The South Elgin Police Department approved other improvements, including lighting and flooring, making it a clean, modernized, highly-functional evidence vault. The last step in the process was to put away evidence — completed quickly with plenty of space to process and store all the items.

On the storage system, Officer Jennifer Miklitsch explains that this was needed - double the storage within the same space.

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