



CITY OF DENTON CENTRAL FIRE STATION

Denton, Texas



Firm: James R. Kirkpatrick, Architect

Design Team:

James R. Kirkpatrick, Architect, Firm of Record; Stewart Cooper Newell Architects, PA, Consulting Architects; Don A. Swofford & Associates, Preservation Consultant; Lloyd Walker Jary Associates, Preservation Consultant

Client: City of Denton, Texas

Fire Chief: Ross Chadwick

Project Area: 27,781 sq. ft.

Total Cost: \$3,305,018

Cost Per Square Foot: \$118.97

Completion Date: April 2003

James R. Kirkpatrick, Architect, Inc. teamed with Stewart Cooper Newell Architects to help Denton, Texas, renovate a historic structure — an abandoned power-generating plant — into a new Central Fire Station. The renovated building shell symbolizes the tradition and power of the City of Denton Fire Department, while the sleek new addition to the structure symbolizes the state-of-the-art Central Station.

There were many challenges inherent in this project. The new facility had to be built upon the existing foundation, agencies had to be determined within the 2-story layout, the apparatus bay had to be fitted onto the site, large windows had to be accommodated in the design, and the historic nature of the building had to be preserved. All of these challenges were met with an innovative design that produced an efficient and effective station.

In addition to the daily operations of the fire department, this new station housed the Fire Prevention Bureau and the City Emergency Operations Center. The final design



includes drive-through bays, a large training facility and community room, administrative offices, and individual sleep rooms.

