

Fifth District Volunteer Fire Dept. &  
Ten Oaks Ballroom  
Clarksville, Maryland

PROJECT  
PROFILE



The Fifth District Volunteer Fire Department is a 34,000 SF facility which serves as both a fire station and a community hall in Howard County. For this project, we were responsible for Programming, Site Feasibility



Study, Schematic Design, Construction Documents, Bidding and full-time, on-site Contract Administration. The fire station consists of six apparatus bays, a maintenance facility, decontamination area, storage for hoses, gear, medical supplies, dormitory, locker room, kitchen, day room, and laundry room. The fire department offices are located on the upper level and include a board room, training rooms, and multiple offices.

The second component of the facility is the Ten Oaks Ballroom, an elegant Ballroom and Conference Center, which serves as a venue for conferences, weddings, bar/bat mitzvahs, tradeshow, business meetings, corporate receptions, and more.

The ballroom is designed to accommodate 400 guests if used as a single space or multiple smaller functions if the moveable partitions are rolled into place. The



lobby and full commercial kitchen are arranged to serve the simultaneous multiple functions or a single large function. The entrance to the hall is enhanced by a drive-through canopy. The building is located on the site so that the ballroom is visually predominant from the adjacent roadways. The bays of the fire station are located at a lower elevation which simultaneously makes them visually secondary and makes efficient use of the sloping site.

**Client:**

Fifth District Volunteer  
Fire Department  
5000 Signal Bell Lane  
Clarksville, MD 21029

**Project Type:**

New Fire Station &  
Community Center

**Location:**

Clarksville, Maryland

**Size:**

34,000 SF, 2 stories

**Status:**

Completed 1998

**Role:**

**Full A/E Services:**

- Site Evaluation
- Master Planning
- Construction Cost Projections
- Design
- Construction Documents
- Bidding/Negotiations
- Construction Administration

**Cost:**

\$ 5,500,000 Construction  
\$ 230,000 Design

**Reference:**

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