

City of BEACON Fire Department

A Legacy Restored

The City of Beacon Fire Department, once a volunteer-led system operating from three 19th-century stations, spent nearly two decades consolidating into a modern, centralized facility. In 2006, Mitchell Associates Architects began studying options to meet evolving operational demands, ultimately selecting a transformative renovation and expansion of the Lewis Tompkins Hose Company Station.

The original 1970s structure no longer aligned with the needs of a modern fire department. Its narrow side street location limited emergency vehicle access and posed safety concerns. The redesign reorients the facility toward a wider, better-connected road and adds a deeper apron for safer vehicle staging and improved response efficiency.

Designed for durability, safety, and sustainability, the station now meets all NFPA standards. It incorporates hot, warm, and cold zones to support contamination control, including hot zone showers, a decontamination laundry, an SCBA fill station, and sleeping quarters strategically located to reduce response times and sleep disruption. A former apparatus bay was converted into a dedicated EMS area, and integrated training features support long-term readiness.

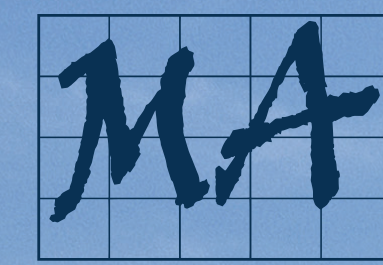
The all-electric facility uses geothermal ground-source heat pumps, high-performance insulation, and a heat recovery ventilation system, minimizing energy use and supporting the City's climate goals.

While functionally forward-looking, the redesign honors the City's historic character, resolving a long-standing visual disconnect across from City Hall. The result is a civic landmark that promotes firefighter wellness, public safety, and architectural legacy. It stands as a resilient and mission-ready facility that continues to serve its original purpose with strength and pride.



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A resilient and mission-ready facility.

