

City Hall/Police Station Goal Statement

The City's goal for the City Hall/Police Station project is to develop a structure that will facilitate each department's ability to provide exceptional day to day municipal services, serve as catalyst for community activities that enhance the Cannon Beach experience while being constructed to withstand the impacts of natural disasters and become the epicenter of all phases of resiliency efforts.

City Hall/Police Station Problem Statement

The current City Hall/Police Station facility started its life 70 years ago as a lumber yard and has been modified over the years to house a City Hall and Police Station.

During initial construction or in subsequent modifications there has been no obvious attempt to incorporate any structural elements that would make it even minimally resistant to a small to medium earthquake or tsunami event.

After a significant natural event, residents will expect, even demand, enhanced performance from staff to manage search and rescue, street clearing, debris removal and utility restoration to improve conditions to the point that our residents and businesses will be able to start to rebuild their homes and businesses. Given the structural condition of the current facility, these activities will occur without the benefit of any emergency response equipment, communications technology or communications gear that had been in the current City Hall/Police Station at the time of the event.

Most modern buildings of which we are all familiar (commercial, schools) are constructed to withstand the effects of an earthquake long enough to allow occupants to be able to exit safely. They are not required to be designed to be usable after the event.

A City Hall/Police Station will be an emergency facility designed and constructed to provide both protection for occupants within the structure during an event and to be functional immediately afterwards to provide and coordinate emergency operations and recovery operations.

A well-constructed City Hall/Police Station would be an investment for and by the residents and businesses to have the City Staff in the best positions to assist, protect and help them rebuild their lives in the event of a medium or greater disaster.