



## MESA COLLEGE POLICE OFFICES

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

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**STRUCTURAL ENGINEER:**

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**GENERAL CONTRACTOR:**

Barnhart Balfour Beatty

**MASONRY CONTRACTOR:**

New Dimension Masonry, Inc.

**BLOCK PRODUCER:**

RCP Block & Brick, Inc.

**OWNER:**

San Diego Community College District

**Architect's Commentary:** The 7,000 square-foot Mesa College Police Offices building was designed as part of a larger master plan project for the eastern portion of the Mesa College campus in San Diego, California. The master plan included a new campus entrance roadway, the re-alignment of the existing campus street network, a new 1,000 car parking structure, and the designation of sites for future campus buildings. The small, single-story Police Offices building served as a central element in this redevelopment plan, and it

is a valuable resource for students, faculty, staff and visitors at the primary entrance to the Mesa College campus.

The District's desire was for the campus police to have a strong presence in the new parking structure for safety and security reasons. After careful consideration of several alternatives, we proceeded with a design that integrated the police building with the parking structure, which allowed the police building to have both a public face at the campus entrance and secure parking for police staff inside the parking structure.

**Why Masonry?** Concrete masonry units (CMUs) were incorporated in the design as a primary building material for many complimentary reasons. CMUs provided a humble, low-maintenance exterior shell; a durable, long-lasting envelope that functioned as the building's primary structure and exterior enclosure. The strength and durability of the masonry was an important feature to the District and the campus police. The color and texture of the masonry also provided a great degree of warmth, which offered a welcoming environment for visitors to the facility. Two colors of masonry were used in a stacked bond configuration, which complimented the design of the colored glazing used for the building's fenestration. As the first LEED® Gold certified building on the Mesa College campus, the concrete masonry also offered an exceptional degree of thermal performance for the building's interior spaces.



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