NOVEMBER 22, 2013

DEKALB POLICE DEPARTMENT
OPENING DAY

700 W LINCOLN HIGHWAY    DEKALB, ILLINOIS
In 2011, after several years in the making, the City of DeKalb approved $12 million for the design and construction of a new police facility. The new building is located on a 3.5 acre site at 700 W. Lincoln Highway.

On September 10, 2012 ground breaking included City Administrators, City Council, and three Police Administrators—Chief Bill Feithen, Chief Administrator Ron Pearson and Chief Gene Lowery were all instrumental in the planning of the new facility.

The DeKalb Police Department has 36,000 square feet of floor space. The cost per square foot was $333.33 for the building based on the contract price. It has parking facilities for 78 vehicles.
DeKalb City Council authorized the purchase of the land for the new police facility on January 9, 2006, for $1,565,372.00. The location involved purchasing four residential lots giving the new location its 3.5 acres. Upon the purchase of the lot several trees had to be extracted due to the design of the building, but one tree was saved—a Burr Oak by request. This oak tree stands in the back lot where employees can enjoy its beauty. The tree is estimated to be at least 200 years old.
1891-1967

The former DeKalb Police Department was shared with City Hall located at 127 S. Second Street. This building was built for $8,000, plus $1,140 for the land. On June 6th, 1891, it was ordained that the building be erected to accommodate a portion of the Fire Department, City Council, Police Magistrate, City Calaboose, and the Public Library.

General deterioration, settling, and a fire in 1957, were factors forcing condemnation of the top floor. Also, the facilities were not adequate to meet the needs of a growing urban community. Other office spaces had to be rented for the City Manager, Building Inspector, City Engineer, and for public meetings.

1968—2013

The Municipal Building located at 200 S. 4th Street was built in 1968 having 31,140 square feet of floor space. The square foot cost was $23.67 for the building based on the contract price.

The new municipal building housed the police and city administrative offices.

The building contract price was $736,556 with a total cost of $898,000 when land acquisition, interior furnishings, architectural, engineering and legal fees.
WHERE WE CAME FROM...
CONSTRUCTION BEGINS...
FIFTEEN MONTHS OF CONSTRUCTION
THE FINAL TOUCHES
OPEN HOUSE/RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY
APRIL 26, 2014
The commemorative coin was designed to reflect the new police facility. This is a double side coin where employees and selected officials purchased the coin for a keepsake.

The employee entrance is greeted with Police Chief Gene Lowery’s four pillars that he instills upon each new officer hire.

Honor your oath

Focus on the mission

Service over self

Leave us better than you found us
This guardian angel, with broken wings, watches over those who come and go through the employee entrance located on the west side of the building. She came to us by a citizen who found her in their yard. A police officer picked her up and brought her to the police department at 200 S. 4th Street. There, she was placed by the sally port awaiting to be claimed by her owner. She was never claimed.

On November 22, 2013 this guardian angel became an official member of the department. She was transported to the new police headquarters, in the parade of squad cars on opening day, and placed in her new home by the department’s honor guard.