



# Keystone Valley Fire Department

*Parkesburg, PA*

Keystone Valley Fire Department wanted to renovate and expand their facility to accommodate current and future needs. The current building had multiple floor levels that were not conducive to the flow between spaces. There were some space uses that were no longer valid and there were new space needs that were not easily accommodated. Professional Design & Construction, Inc. was hired to complete a space needs study and to create a floor plan that best responded to those needs, utilizing the existing footprint of the current facility as much as possible. After considering various plan iterations, a design was developed that converted existing spaces into more functional spaces specific to the fire company. A new apparatus space was created where there were no internal columns and the space between apparatus was increased for safety and better flow. The circulation between multiple floor levels was made more efficient, and access to the apparatus from the support spaces was more direct.

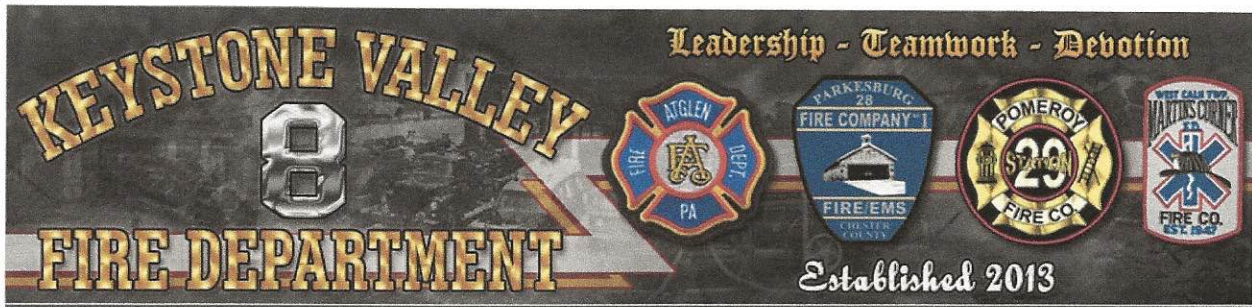


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The original 1935 stone apparatus building had been renovated into offices and a meeting room in 1977 to become the new Borough office, Fire house and Police station. The fire company needed a new apparatus building to house newer equipment and this was built next to the old fire house at the same time in 1977. The building had started to fall into disrepair when the Fire Company took ownership back in 2005. Talks had been started to renovate it and the Companies Trustees returned from the Expo with information from PDC, a building committee was formed and a meeting scheduled with PDC in the spring of 2006.

The Parkesburg Fire Company No.1 building committee started meeting with Kevin Miller from Professional Design and Construction Inc in 2006 and it was decided to save and renovate the original 1935 stone building because of the historic value of the building. This proved to be challenging because of the construction and the age of the building. The 1977 fire house and municipal building had many different levels and was not completely ADA compliant. The main things the fire company wanted was to save the 1935 building, have an ADA compliant building and as few levels as possible.

The committee met with Kevin Miller over the follow six years and many designs and plans were discussed, changed and made. Kevin and Professional Design and Construction work through all the many problems associated with the task given to them and came up with a design of the new building that would work.

The building plans were put on hold in 2011 when the consolidation talks started. The following two years there was not any movement made on the building or the renovation plans. This was a very discouraging time for both the Fire Company and PDC because the Parkesburg Fire Company had almost completed the building plans and had all the permits and storm water management plans paid for and approved. Time was not on our side as the storm water management plan was about to expire. The State had changed all the regulations which meant we would be starting from ground zero and the building itself was falling deeper into disrepair at the same time.

After the consolidation was completed the new Department started talking about the building in 2014 and what we should do. Should we stay, renovate or move and build a new firehouse somewhere else. The decision was made to stay where we were because of the fire houses central location within the newly formed fire district. Kevin Miller from PDC was contacted and planning was resumed on the complex. The needs of the newly formed Department had changed which meant design changes were needed and over the next two years the design of the complex, storm water management, permits and bidding were completed. Construction started in the fall of 2017 and completed on schedule in late 2018.

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