

PROJECT OF THE WEEK

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Fire Station 51

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Fire Station 51 was recently completed at 17951 Southcenter Parkway in Tukwila, standing out as an island of civic architecture in a sea of big box stores, restaurants and parking lots.

The 12,540-square-foot, one-story building houses six firefighters. It was designed to improve the health, safety and mental well-being of firefighters, and project a sense of permanence, reliability and protection. The massive brick walls and vertical metal slots are meant to emphasize the strength and stability of the fire department.



Photos by Andrew Nam / Weinstein A+U [\[enlarge\]](#)

Apparatus bays align with the intersection for a speedy exit. Adjacent housing for the firefighters is arranged around a small west-facing courtyard, which provides natural light, privacy and visual respite from the busy street.

The project cost was \$14.68 million. It is the first of two new fire stations being built under a 2016 bond measure to improve public safety infrastructure.

Owner: City of Tukwila

Architect: Weinstein A+U

General contractor: Lydig Construction

Owner's representative: Shiels Oblatz Johnsen

Civil engineer: LPD Engineering

Landscape architect: Swift Co.

Structural engineer: Swenson Say Faget

Mechanical engineer: The Greenbusch Group

Electrical engineer: TFWB Engineers

Cost estimator: RLB

Fire Station Specialist Architect: TCA

Geotechnical Engineer: Hart Crowser

Traffic Engineer: WH Pacific



