Ardsley-Secor Volunteer Ambulance Company

Ardsley-Secor is a small community of some 8,000 people located 20 miles north of New York City. It is a pleasant community where much is still done through volunteerism, including the work of the town's ambulance company. It is a town where everybody "pitches in," not only to run an ambulance corps, but to provide the land, to raise the funds for a new structure and to make sure the grounds around the building are as beautiful as the rest of town.

The Need

Ardsley faced a set of problems in providing ambulance service to the community. First, the organization is based on volunteerism, from fund raising to EMT's. Second, their existing building was in tumbledown shape, clearly long past it's prime as an ambulance station. In fact, in its previous life it was a bank. Creative re-adaptive use had more than run its course. Additionally, their land was owned by the City of New York and atop an aqueduct route bringing water to the City.

Our Solution

The first answer was to build a modular structure. Just in case, modular could be *relocated* quickly, certainly at a cost, but not torn down, *relocated*. Secondly, the building committee needed to get the very most out of every donated dollar. They turned to John Buongiorno at Axis Modular who in turn contacted Larry High at Whitley. The two teamed for over a year to help the community design and redesign the facility, to "tweak" and nudge things around for maximum benefit, not only to house for the town ambulance, but also to serve as a training facility for volunteers and the community, alike. The result was a combination of modular and panelized construction that provided ample bay space for the corps' vehicles, but also included a command office and a great room in which CPR training, health screening and a hundred other community uses. What took over a year to plan, thanks to the outstanding help of Buongiorno and High, took less than a month to build and only a few months to complete on site. All done, for a good cause and nice community.