

In the Q: Police Substation Relocates to MedQuarter



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After several months of searching for the right location, the Cedar Rapids Police Substation has relocated to the Executive Suites at 1233 First Avenue SE Suite F, across from Coe College.

Previously located at 1501 First Avenue SE since October 2009, the substation has gone through many changes. While the Cedar Rapids Police occupied the substation since its inception, several City departments moved in and out of the building over the years. Ultimately, the Cedar Rapids Police were the sole occupants of the building. Although there was still a desire to have a substation, with just one City department using the space, the cost to lease the building was no longer justifiable. The new, smaller location will house the District Police Lieutenant, Cory McGarvey, the Police Community Action Team Sergeant and the Eastern Iowa Heroin Initiative Officer while saving the City close to \$50,000 per year.

“The cost savings was a factor, but not the most important factor,” McGarvey said. “One of the major reasons why we relocated was to continue the downward trend in crime in this area. Our presence here is a critical part of that.”

Lt. McGarvey oversees police coverage in the core neighborhoods of Cedar Rapids, an area from about 10th Street West to 19th Street East and from Daniels Park North to St. Wenceslaus Church South. Many officers will use the substation throughout the day and night, and it is available to all officers as needed. McGarvey says the public is welcome to stop by, “If there is a squad car out front, an officer is here to help.”

Welcome to the MedQuarter, Lieutenant McGarvey. We’re happy to have you!



Cory McGarvey, District Police Lieutenant