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Paramedics remodel North End station



Windows and other features were added to Ada County Paramedics Station 17. Photo by Anne Wallace Allen.

The Ada County Paramedics have given a full makeover to their Station 17 at 1666 Ridenbaugh St. in the North End.

The \$750,000 remodel transformed a mid-century brick building into a modern "home" for paramedics, while retaining the basic historic nature of the structures, spokeswoman Hadley Mayes said.

A large portion of one brick wall made way for huge windows in the living area that now give paramedics a look out onto a patio with a new barbecue grill. Inside, all new appliances outfit a redesigned kitchen.

"We reconfigured a kitchen that was like a really old house kitchen," Mayes said. "Now it has more of an industrial look. Most of the kitchen appliances were updated about 10 years ago. All of the old appliances from Station 17 were either recycled or transferred to one of our other stations in need of more updated appliances."

Every piece of the building that could be salvaged was recycled, including much of the old structure's brick, she added. Station 17 was built to a LEED certification silver level, as awarded by the U.S. Green Building Council.

The building also got all new wiring and electrical outlets.

"Like firefighters, our paramedics work out of 24-hour stations, where they also sleep, prepare food and write patient charts, so it's important to provide them with a safe, clean and comfortable building," Mayes said.

The contractor was Bricon Inc. McKibben + Cooper Architects designed the project. Ada County Paramedics had saved money to carry

out the project, Mayes said.

Ada County Paramedics originally moved into the station in 1996.

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