

Design Concept Statement

The new Fire House No. 3 is located on an extremely challenging irregularly shaped site wedged between the airfield and the highway. Our design will convey a sense of safety and security for the numerous SFO travelers and also privacy for the buildings users. The brise soleil adjacent to the entry and at the upstairs dorm rooms simultaneously serve as security, privacy, and solar shading. The metal panelized rainscreen refers to its place as an airport building, and combined with dynamic glazing allows for a sustainable healthy work environment. The landscaping again is multifunctional; visually softening a tough site while functionally hardening an essential services facility. It is these features that relate to the greater airport campus while at the same time allow the design for Firehouse 3 to be clearly recognizable as a new civic building.