

FIRE STATION #6

Columbus, Indiana



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Sponsored by the Cummins Engine Foundation Architecture Program, Fire Station #6 acts as a civic landmark along Indiana Highway 450 South for the new southern expansion of the city of Columbus, Indiana.



Fire Station as Contemporary Form: The bold and modern forms signify the provision of the most up-to-date and immediate fire fighting services.

Fire Station as Civic Structure: The building celebrates the civic importance of the fire department in serving as a marker identifying the south side of Columbus.

For fast-moving traffic, the east and west facades boast distinct glass grids that face up and down the highway. The south facade, parallel to Indiana Highway 450 South, is a solid skin of concrete masonry resembling stone with a continuous 4-foot-high horizontal strip window. In the daytime, the glass block takes in the same coloration as the stone elevation. At night, the building is a beacon, as its glass facades and horizontal strip window glow from within.



The iconic quality of the building is so strong that it was selected as the graphic representation of the southern part of town in Columbus' new mapping system.



PROJECT FACTS

PROJECT NAME

Fire Station #6

PROJECT LOCATION

Columbus, Indiana

CLIENT

City of Columbus, Indiana

DATE OF COMPLETION

April 1998

SIZE

10,620 g.s.f.

USES

Fire Station

AWARDS

*2001 Honor Award for Design,
Boston Society of Architects*

*2000 Honor Award in Architecture,
New England Chapter, AIA*

