

REVISED CUT STEEL DESIGNS FOR EUGENE POLICE HEADQUARTERS

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In finalizing the designs for the steel cut panels, I had originally proposed combining portions of the main panel image for the two panels by the entry. To avoid this redundancy, I would like to include some new design elements, including one addition to the main panel. I would like to explain the thought behind the new images and how I feel they relate to the mission of the police and the community.

Main panel:

Size: ½" x approximately 8'h x 12"w



RAVEN: I chose to include the raven as a symbol of wisdom, but also to allude to the dark aspects inherent in police work and the many tragic and difficult situations that officers must confront and engage with day to day in their work.

The complete description list of artistic elements and their meanings, from the original proposal, is included following this section.

Square entry panel:

Size: ¼" x 32"h x 32"w

OAK TREE: The oak is an indicator of strength, power, and longevity in both material and spiritual realms. Shown here representing the Oregon White Oak, the mature tree shelters and protects the seedlings and sprouting acorn beneath it, conveying continuity and safety.

HANDS/ROOTS: As roots nourish and anchor a tree, but are hidden, so the sustaining presence and actions of the police provide often invisible, service and protection to the community. I chose to represent the roots with hands to reflect these often unrecognized human actions.



Rectangular entry panel:

Size: ¼" x 32"h x 24"w

SWORD and PLOUGH: The sword appears in the main panel representing valor and protection. Here the sword balances on the plow, to illustrate how these attributes facilitate industry and fruitfulness. This type of synergy and many such balances contribute to the structure of civilization that combine to build and sustain community.

FLOCK of BIRDS: The spiral of flying birds is symbolic of change and return. It also conveys unity in purpose. The spiral is included on the original symbols list.



Please note: as indicated in the cover letter we are hoping to resize the openings for these panels for the imagery to read harmoniously.

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Gate Light Panels:

size: 1/4" x 19" x 35"

Torch and flashlight: The juxtaposition of these light sources alludes to the trajectory of history of the service and also to the specific tools used by police to "Shine their light in the dark", and thus maintain the peace and safeguard our community.

SYMBOLISM OF SCULPTURAL ELEMENTS

WINGS: Represent a striving to transcend. Indicating aspiration and comprehension, they are often won at the cost of a long and perilous lesson in initiation and purification. A swallow's wings in flight are the maritime symbol for safe return.

SWORD: An emblem of the warrior caste; its virtues: Valor, and its office: Power. Power possesses a dual aspect. It can be destructive, but what it destroys may well be injustice, crime, and ignorance. Thereby, it becomes positive and can be a tool to establish and maintain both peace and justice.

SPIRAL: Denoting evolution and development, the spiral has the remarkable property of accomplishing growth in a way that retains its ultimate shape. It is an open and optimistic symbol of progressive continuity.

LAUREL BRANCHES: Denote immortality acquired through victory and intellectual and military glory. They also signify the conditions of wisdom under which victory was won.

OUTSTRETCHED HANDS: In a gesture of both giving and receiving, they are surrounded by spiraling elements alluding to the roads or buildings of an urban area, these hands represent the assistance rendered by the police service to the community.

DOG: Honors the police service of the dogs and handlers of the K-9 unit.

CHILD AND BEAR: Refer to the EPD's "Hug-a-Bear" outreach program for children at risk.

SUNFLOWER: Represents optimism and fruitfulness. The sunflower's bright face follows the sun each day. It is a strong plant with seeds that nourish man, birds, and animals.

SCALES: Scales are a traditional symbol of justice. Additionally, they combine with the wings and sword in representing Saint Michael, the patron Saint of law enforcement.

TORCH: Indicates vigilance and the quest for truth. Shines a light or a beacon in the dark.

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