



# Pinellas County Sheriff's office uses Spacesaver to maximize inmate bed space in new jail.



Mobile storage replaced metal stationary shelving, improved productivity and saved space.

For inmate property, totes stored on the mobile system are kept orderly using shelf bin dividers.

When the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Jail in Largo, Fla., ran out of space in their jail due to inmate overcrowding, it built a new 796-bed facility and outfitted it with Spacesaver mobile storage systems to maximize bed space and minimize ancillary support space.

"We used Spacesaver shelving in an old building and loved it," explained Richard Bailey, administrative sergeant. "When we were planning the new facility it was important to maximize inmate bed space; it helped to justify the construction costs to taxpayers. To do that, we needed to minimize support space such as storage areas."

Bailey explained that Pinellas County had used Spacesaver systems in a classification area in the old jail and knew that compact storage could solve its space concerns. "We knew that mobile storage would allow us to create efficient support areas by squeezing our storage into a smaller footprint."

Customer representatives calculated storage needs now and into the future and Spacesaver worked with them to accommodate storage needs. They installed as many carriages needed to meet their short-term storage needs and, in many of the areas, additional rail was laid to accommodate added shelving space as storage needs grow.

Mobile systems are in use in several areas including classification, general supply, property storage and medical records. "We developed a transition team that was very involved in deciding what specific department needs were and that guided the entire construction process. We didn't want anything to get by. The Spacesaver team accommodated any changes and would adjust the systems if needed," said Bailey.

### Inmate property storage

"The mobile system in inmate property helps productivity and saves vital storage space," said Bailey. "Previously the jail used old metal shelving with wire baskets. Items were stored in a multitude of locations and it was difficult to find and track them."

Now, more than 3,000 bins are used to keep items organized and easy to find. Each inmate is assigned bins in only two locations for nonvaluable items. Bulky items are stored on Spacesaver stationary shelving with large totes located directly behind the receiving window. Smaller items are stored in smaller totes on a mobile system outfitted with fourpost shelving and bin dividers.

Spacesaver mobile systems are also used in medical records to maximize storage space and accommodate departmental growth.

**Classification records**

A mechanical assist mobile system with carriage locks helps the department store more than 10,000 inmate records, both active and inactive. With a growing inmate population and a five-year retention requirement, that number is increasing rapidly.

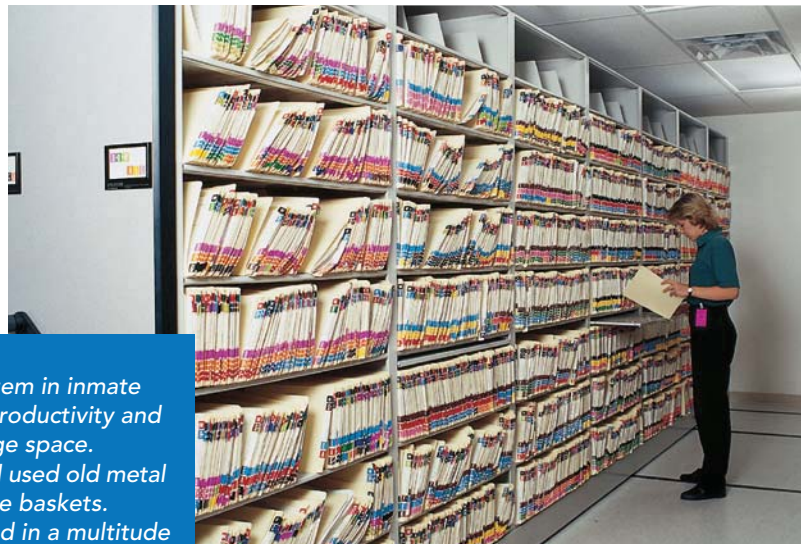
Bailey explained that the Spacesaver system, combined with new color-coded labels, helps to keep records filed accurately and minimizes lost or misplaced files. "Quick access to files could actually save a life," he said. "If someone needs to be moved quickly due to inmate problems, jail personnel must efficiently locate the correct classification file to determine the best new location for that inmate."

**General supply**

Sports equipment, game boards, books, paper products, toiletries and cleaning supplies are some of the items efficiently stored on a mechanical assist mobile system. The Spacesaver system makes fulfilling inmate requests easy because everything is labeled and well-organized. The shelving adjustability helps general supply personnel to fit all sizes of items on the shelves from small toiletries to very large bulk paper supplies. Shelf heights adjust as well as the shelf dividers to compartmentalize the storage and maximize the efficiency of the square footage.



In general supply, the mobile system is designed to hold everything from small items to bulky boxes.



In classification, a new mobile system and color-coded labels help the staff to find records quickly.

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