REEDY CREEK EMERGENCY SERVICES HEADQUARTERS

Architects: Venturi, Scott Brown and Associates, Inc. in association with SchenkelShultz Architects

Location: Orlando, FL

Client: Reedy Creek Improvement District

Area: 22,511 sf

Construction Cost: $2,500,000

Completion: 1994

The central fire rescue headquarters will be the first back-of-house support facility visible to park visitors at this complex of family-oriented theme parks near Orlando, Florida. It is planned to accommodate a state-of-the-art fire rescue center, complete with living quarters, administrative offices and a 911 communications center, as well as school groups and visiting firefighters. The image of the building has been carefully designed to represent a traditional imagery of the American firehouse: patterns and colors of red bricks and Dalmatian dogs exaggerated in scale adorn the exterior-front in porcelain enamel panels; functionally it has become a modern, single-story facility.

The sweeping curve of the front facade acknowledges and accommodates the curve of the drive where the fire trucks exit from the complex expeditiously.