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Miramar plans new police HQ facility

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The Miramar Police Department will be staying in its temporary home for at least two more years.

The department, which was forced out of its old Public Safety Building after damage from Hurricane Wilma in 2005, has been based for years out of leased office space in the Miramar Park of Commerce. The department recently renewed its lease with Sunbeam Properties to continue occupying its current space up to potentially April 2016.

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The city will pay monthly rent of \$13,952 the first year of the extension, \$14,510 for the second year. In anticipation of the new headquarters, the lease switches to month-to-month in the third year. The new headquarters will be built at the Miramar Town Center and reunite a department separated due to space limitations.

Because the commercial office space isn't designed to house a police station, it comes with limitations, said police spokeswoman Tania Rues. It lacks space for all personnel, so detectives work out of a separate location. There's only one interview room, there isn't enough parking, and when there's a hurricane warning, the building has to be evacuated. Perhaps most importantly, the department lacks holding facilities, so arrested suspects have to be shuttled to police stations in Pembroke Pines and Davie.

"You're losing a lot of time with every individual [arrest] you get," Rues said. "We want to have officers back on the street faster."

The new 65,000-square-foot headquarters will wrap the building around the central core of a parking garage, said Hector Vazquez, the city's strategic development officer. That matches the concept of the existing building at the Town Center that wraps residential, commercial and retail space around a garage. The first floor of the new building will feature a mix of retail and police space, with the rest of the headquarters housed on upper levels.

"I imagine they'll move very quickly to get in there," Vazquez said.

The project is on schedule, with construction expected to begin in May or June of 2014 with completion by August 2015, Vazquez said. The project's total cost will be about \$24 million, said Luis Lopez, director of the city's engineering services department. Lopez said the city also is in parallel development of a new police substation in east Miramar.

The aging Miramar Civic Center, at 6920 SW 35th St., will be torn down and replaced with a \$2.8 million substation taking up between 7,000 and 9,000 square feet. Lopez said the center is mainly used for rentals, although a child daycare service housed there will be relocated to another city facility.

"It's moving along a little slower," Lopez said of the substation project.

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