

Seabury Retirement Community

Fire Restoration

Bloomfield, CT



In July 2009, a fire was started by lightning and quickly spread from the facility's mechanical room to the adjacent residential areas, which housed 33 units of elderly citizens. The damage also impacted the building's common areas and a large library and atrium shared by all residents. Banton Construction was retained to restore the extensive damage caused by both the fire and water.

The goal of the project was to restore the facility to its original state in a timely manner in order to return residents to their homes as quickly as possible. Banton's team successfully completed all work under an intense schedule, and was able to gradually phase residents back into occupancy while still constructing other areas of the building. This called for extreme attention to safety, and minimal disruption to residents.

Banton overcame many challenges throughout the project, including rebuilding the facility without architectural plans, due to the fact the original plans were modified in the field during the construction process. As a result, the restoration was essentially performed as a historical restoration, as all contents that could be salvaged were catalogued and later reinstalled using photographs of the prior facility. Banton also worked closely with the Owner to accurately replicate architectural details.

The scope of work included extensive mold remediation, installation of new mechanical, electrical and security systems, as well as all types of finish work, flooring and wall coverings, custom cabinetry and upgrades to the existing fire protection system.

Banton worked closely with both the Owner and their insurance representatives throughout the project, and as a result has become vastly familiar with the procedures for successfully completing a project of this type.