

Southport Train Station

Fire Restoration

Southport, CT



Banton Construction was awarded an emergency contract to perform work at the Southport Train Station, which was severely damaged by fire on January 3, 2008.

It was initially feared that the landmark station, originally constructed in the late 1800's, would have to be demolished due to the heavy damage sustained from the fire. However, Banton Construction, working closely with the Connecticut Department of Transportation, was able to develop and execute a plan to fully restore the station to its original condition.

“When fire first ripped through this historic building, state and local officials – working together – declared it a priority to rebuild and restore it to its original beauty and character,” stated CT Governor M. Jodi Rell. “Now this magnificently restored facility combines the historic design with modern conveniences for our commuters.”

The contract included the installation of temporary facilities until a new building was reconstructed, including a heated waiting area and restrooms. Banton worked over the weekend following the fire in order to have the entire length of the platform and ticket vending machines accessible to rail patrons in time for the Monday, January 14th morning commute.

The project was completed just one year after the year, in January 2009.