The site for the new Fire Station No. 4 is located in an aged residential area of Fresno, CA. The building is formed and modeled after the firefighter and the way the community perceives them. The words chosen to reinforce the concept of a firefighter were: fire, water, protect, alarm, strength, and fight. A firefighter's job starts when there is a problem in the community. The most common reference to a problem is a fire.

The first view a visitor to Fire Station No. 4 sees is the south elevation. The sharp angle from the building hangs above them with a grandeur and scale almost too overwhelming to be comfortable. The sharp angle architecturally represents a threat to the community and takes on the form of a sharp flame. As the visitor to the station continues to walk towards the entrance, they approach a spherical structure that represents fire and water fighting and water overcoming the fire, keeping the community safe. The sphere glows red like a fire whenever the station gets a call. The fire energy (sphere) is surrounded by a "spiral" form that represents protection. Throughout the building there is a play on fighting. The soft, curved shapes of the building are constantly moving, changing direction, stacking, and piercing the sharp flat sides of the building. Architecturally, the straight vs. curved represents fire vs. water and the stacking of the materials represent the strength and protection the firefighter offers to the community.

The "Firefighter's" roots lie in tradition. The fight with fire is a very traditional aspect of the firefighter. 2011 AIA Student Design Competition: City of Fresno Fire Station Facility.