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## **COMMISSIONERS APPROVE CONTRACT TO PURCHASE, REFURBISH AMBULANCES**

(Lawrenceville, Ga., Jan. 21, 2020) – The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday approved a \$735,273 contract to provide Gwinnett Fire and Emergency Services with two additional ambulances and to refurbish an existing unit.

The ambulances will help the department keep pace with the increasing number of medical emergencies and medical transports in Gwinnett's growing population.

The 2017 SPLOST program will fund 29 percent of the contract, which will purchase two new ambulances at around \$261,000 each and recondition one ambulance for about \$213,000. To refit the existing ambulance for continued service, the existing patient compartment module will be remounted on a new chassis.

"The increasing number of ambulance transports and the high number of miles being placed on the vehicles takes a toll," said Gwinnett County Fire Chief Russell Knick. "The remounting program allows us to reduce costs and extend the life of our vehicles. We appreciate the voters, who give us the resources we need to provide a high level of service while taking care to spend their tax dollars wisely."

Last year, commissioners approved the purchase of two ambulances to allow Fire and Emergency Services to staff every fire station with at least one unit. Maintaining one ambulance and adding two more will provide crucial backup to the existing units.

For more information on this or other SPLOST-funded projects, please visit [www.GwinnettSPLOST.com](http://www.GwinnettSPLOST.com).

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