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FIRE DEPARTMENT TO HOLD RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY FOR THE NEW FIRE STATION #7

Duluth – Gwinnett officials will dedicate the new Fire Station #7 in Duluth with a ribbon cutting on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. The event will be hosted by Gwinnett County Fire Chief Steve Rolader.

Station #7 was relocated from its former site on Duluth Highway (Hwy 120) to the new location at 3343 Bunten Road. Firefighters began responding from the new station on Friday, February 27, 2009 at 7 a.m. “This is an exciting time in the history of the Gwinnett County Department of Fire and Emergency Services,” said Fire Department spokesman Captain Thomas Rutledge. In addition to the new facility, the Department further enhanced its response capabilities within the community by adding a Ladder Truck with additional fire and medical personnel to the station. The station will be home to Engine-7, Truck-7, and Medic-7. The new location provides for better access to major corridors and will better serve the needs of a growing community.

The new state-of-the art facility features individual bunk-room cubicles for firefighters, exercise room, commercial grade kitchen, drive-thru apparatus bay (three-bay), office space, and a community classroom. “The station is something that the community can be proud to have,” Rutledge said. Funding for the relocation of Station #7 is a direct result of the SPLOST referendum approved by the citizens of Gwinnett County.

The community and the media are invited to come and join elected officials, county staff, and firefighters as they mark this special occasion.

FACTS:

- The new station measures 12,300 square feet and is approximately three times bigger than the old facility.
- The new station was completed under budget and ahead of schedule.
- The station was built by Ward General Contractors with a construction cost of about 2.8 million dollars.

