

# Gwinnett County Government

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### **SPLOST, GRANT FUNDS BUY NEW FIRE, POLICE TRUCKS**

(Lawrenceville, Ga., Dec. 16, 2008) – A new explosives ordinance disposal truck for the Gwinnett Police Department and four new fire trucks were approved at the Gwinnett Board of Commissioners meeting Tuesday.

The Fire and Emergency Services Department will obtain three new ladder trucks for fire stations in the Hamilton Mill, Tribble Mill, and Buford areas. They will come from the low bidder Sutphen Corporation of Amlin, Ohio, for \$3.4 million. Funds for the purchase are provided by the 2005 SPLOST sales tax program.

A new air/light truck for Fire Station 9 in Lawrenceville will cost another \$400,000. The lowest-bid supplier at \$894,000 for both trucks, Pierce Manufacturing of Appleton, Wis., will also build the new explosives truck for the police. Designed to respond to chemical, biological, radiological/nuclear and explosives incidents, the police vehicle will have inter-agency communications capabilities in addition to carrying robots and explosives disposal equipment. A Georgia homeland security grant paid \$300,000 of the cost.

Commissioners also approved \$214,000 for new rescue tools to help get victims out of crashed vehicles. Another \$606,000 will equip five back-up fire engines, three ladder trucks and four medical units with tools, lights and other equipment so they can be more quickly activated.

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