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COMMISSIONERS APPROVE NEW AND REPLACEMENT AMBULANCES

(Lawrenceville, Ga., April 12, 2005) – New ambulances will be put on the road to serve Gwinnett County as a result of today’s approval by the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners to purchase two new rescue units. The approval also included six replacement rescue units.

One of the ambulance service expansion locations is Fire Station 16 at 795 Dacula Road in Dacula, and the other new ambulance will be located at Fire Station 6 at 3890 Johnson Drive in Snellville. The locations were determined based on an analysis of needs throughout Gwinnett County. The two additional ambulances increase to 19 the number of “first out” rescue units to serve the county.

The replacement ambulances will be placed at various fire stations. These replacements were scheduled based on Gwinnett County’s Fleet Management vehicle replacement policy.

“On behalf of the Department of Fire and Emergency Services, I would like to thank to the Board of Commissioners for their support of expanding ambulance service in the County,” said Gwinnett County Administrator Jock Connell. “As a first-rate organization, we are looking forward to offering an even higher level of service going forward.”

The contract for the rescue units was awarded to Wheeled Coach Industries, Inc., and the contract amount is \$1, 267,456.

Proceeds from the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax funded these replacement and expansion units.

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