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SALES TAX BUYS NEW AMBULANCES

(Lawrenceville, Ga., June 17, 2008) – Gwinnett’s one-penny SPLOST sales tax has paid for all the County’s new fire engines and ambulances since 1997. The Board of Commissioners approved buying another new ambulance at its regular meeting on Tuesday. Funds will come from the current SPLOST program that was approved by voters in 2005.

Fire Chief Steve Rolader said his department replaces first-line ambulances after four to five years of use. “The high activity rate of these units and steady improvements in specialized medical technology make it necessary,” he said.

Gwinnett County has purchased six new ambulances this year, including five replacements and one for the new fire station in Norcross.

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