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OFFICIALS CUT RIBBON ON TWO FIRE STATIONS

(Lawrenceville, Ga., Nov. 4, 2010) – On Tuesday, Gwinnett County officials held ribbon cutting ceremonies to open two fire stations in northeast Gwinnett. Fire Station 18 moved from its previous location on Braselton Highway into a larger, three-bay station at the corner of Mineral Springs Road and Hog Mountain Road in Hamilton Mill. The \$5.1 million sales-tax funded station includes living quarters for firefighters, a commercial-grade kitchen, office space and a community classroom.

The County's 29th fire station and new apparatus is located on five acres at 2800 Thompson Mill Road just east of Sardis Church Road, and its \$3.5 million cost was also funded by SPLOST. The new station is a two-bay drive-through facility and includes a commercial-grade kitchen, offices and living quarters for firefighters.

Both fire stations were built with energy and cost-saving measures in mind with low-flow lavatories, dimmer switches, motion sensors and fluorescent lighting.

"These new fire stations will better support and equip our firefighters to decrease response times and better serve these growing areas of the county," said Fire Chief Bill Myers.

Construction for both fire stations was completed by C.P. Richards Construction.

"For firefighters, our fire station becomes our home away from home, and I am excited to call this state-of-the-art facility my second home," said firefighter Tom Wheeler of Fire Station 18.

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