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GWINNETT FIRE ACADEMY EXPANSION CONTINUES

(Lawrenceville, Ga., June 17, 2014) – Commissioners on Tuesday approved a \$9.7 million contract with low bidder Cooper & Co. General Contractors Inc. to build the second phase of an expansion to the Gwinnett County Fire Academy.

Construction will include a two-story, 35,000-square-foot education building and a three-bay storage building for fire apparatus and a training pavilion. The new academic building replaces a smaller, 30-year-old building and will have eight large classrooms plus a conference room, a kitchen, office space and a student resource center.

Work will get underway by fall of this year with completion expected in two years. The project is funded by the voter-approved 2009 SPLOST sales tax.

The first phase of the expansion was recently completed and added a heavy duty driving training pad and a storage building with an observation deck for driving instructors. The existing burn building and high-rise training tower on the site located at 3608 Braselton Road near Dacula will remain.

Fire Chief Casey Snyder said, “These new facilities continue a planned expansion of our Fire Academy to meet our training needs for both entry-level and existing firefighters, paramedics and EMTs.”

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