

MEDIA ADVISORY

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GRAND OPENING CEREMONY AND RIBBON CUTTING SLATED FOR DEKALB COUNTY'S NEWLY CONSTRUCTED \$6.3 MILLION FIRE STATION

The first vertical construction project funded by DeKalb County SPLOST.

WHO: DeKalb County CEO Michael Thurmond and the Board of Commissioners, Public Safety Director, Joseph "Jack" Lumpkin, Fire Chief, Darnell Fullum, and others.

WHAT: DeKalb County officials to host a **Grand Opening Ceremony and Ribbon Cutting** in commemoration of Fire Station No. 7, the first vertical construction project funded by DeKalb County Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST). The event will commence with remarks by County officials and representatives from the SPLOST program management team. A guided tour of the facility will be conducted for the media, providing a first-hand look at the modern facility and advanced equipment. The public can view the event live on DCTV Channel 23 for Comcast Cable subscribers in DeKalb County, and it will also be livestreamed at www.DCTVChannel23.tv.

This two-story 15,000 square foot structure accommodates both male and female firefighters and features state-of-the-art amenities including hot and cold zones with a separate soiled turnout gear and laundry area on the opposite side of the living quarters, which are designed to help alleviate cross contamination of carcinogens with sleeping and dining areas. Other amenities include individual sleeping quarters, commercial grade kitchen, second floor decompression room, workout room for crew wellness, designated restrooms for all gender identifying crew, multi-purpose room for community use and in-place shelter during extreme heat and cold weather, beautiful exterior landscaping, and a Plyovent vehicle exhaust system to keep truck exhaust out of the apparatus bay.

Fire Station No. 7 has cutting-edge technology including the Westnet Fire Alerting system that allows for more crew specific alerting, ensuring faster dispatch times resulting in improved and efficient emergency situations.

WHEN: Monday, June 12, 2023
10:00 a.m. (see attached Run of Show)

WHERE: 1712 Columbia Drive (Bay Area)
Decatur, Georgia 30032

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WHY: The existing Fire Station No. 7 was built in 1953 and is the oldest fire station in DeKalb County. This fire station, located at 1776 Derrill Drive in Decatur, will be replaced by the newly constructed Fire Station No. 7 at 1712 Columbia Drive.

Fire Station No. 7 is funded through the SPLOST and supported by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners. It is the first of five new fire stations to be built countywide and funded by SPLOST dollars.

DeKalb County will receive an estimated \$388 million in SPLOST revenue over a six-year period to improve county roads, infrastructure, libraries, parks, and public safety. For more information about DeKalb County SPLOST visit www.dekalbsplost.com.

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