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FORSYTH COUNTY OPENS NEW FIRE STATION 4

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FORSYTHCOUNTY, Georgia – On Wednesday, November 14, Forsyth County officials, staff, citizens and guests gathered for the official opening of the county’s newest fire station. New Fire Station 4, located in the Ducktown area of western Forsyth County, was officially opened with a ceremonial uncoupling of a fire hose.

“Exactly one year ago today, we gathered on this historic site to break ground for this beautiful new engine house,” Fire Chief Danny Bowman said. “By design, the new station is modern, yet modest; comfortable, yet efficient; and is meant to be a center of public safety for the Ducktown community for 50 or more years.”

New Fire Station 4 is located at 3910 Evans Road, adjacent to old Fire Station 4 which it replaces. That structure had been built by volunteers in 1974 and had far exceeded its life expectancy. The new station is designed for 24-hour occupancy which the former station was not. It provides increased bay capacity better suited to house the fire apparatus stationed there, and also includes a ventilation system to clean the air, aimed at protecting firefighters’ health.

Construction of the new two-bay, approximately 7,333-square foot station was funded by the current Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Program, SPLOST VI, and by Impact Fees.

New Fire Station 4 sits on the site of the former Ducktown Community School. District 1 Commissioner R.J. (Pete) Amos, the district commissioner for the Ducktown area, noted the significance of the location, having himself attended school there.

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“I am proud of this new facility and am proud that it will be able to serve the residents of the Ducktown and Friendship areas of Forsyth County for many years to come,” Commissioner Amos said.

About the Forsyth County Fire Department



The Forsyth County Fire Department began in 1972 as the Forsyth County Fire Protection Committee, created in response to a residential fire claiming the life of a county resident. In 1973, a volunteer fire department was incorporated, led by Fire Chief John C. “Jake” Moore. The International Association of Fire Chiefs published in 1983 that Forsyth County, Georgia, with 336 volunteer firefighters on the roles, was the nation’s largest volunteer fire department. That volunteer department served the county until 1998, when the time came for a modern fire department and the hiring of 30 full-time, professional firefighters.

Since those first 30 professional firefighters joined the county, the Fire Department has grown tremendously and today includes 129 full-time field suppression firefighter positions in addition to shift workers and a variety of support and administrative personnel. This fall, the department commemorates its 40th anniversary.

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