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PAULDING COUNTY'S FIRE STATION 12 OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Dallas, Georgia – December 14, 2020. Paulding County Fire & Rescue announced today that its newest station has officially opened – Station #12 - which significantly expands emergency service capability to citizens.

Fire Station #12 is located at 310 Wayside Lane near the intersection of Spring Road, nearby Highway 278. The station will be staffed 7x24 with highly trained professional fire and emergency medical personnel and was funded through SPLOST (Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax).

Chief Joey Pelfrey commented, “We’ve been planning Station 12 for a long time so I am very excited to see it finally open. This new facility greatly benefits our citizens located to the west of the City of Dallas out Highway 278 past the airport. That helps us guarantee much quicker on-scene times in that area for both fire suppression and emergency medical calls. Plus, it vastly reduces the geographic area Station 1 (Dallas) and Station 7 (unincorporated Rockmart) currently cover. Station 1 is the busiest in the County and frequently has several 911 emergency calls happening simultaneously, and Station 7 covers an extremely large rural geographic area. So, Station 12 will really help in a number of ways.”

“One of the goals of our long-term plan is to continually improve services and to help our citizens lower their insurance premiums. While we cannot control insurance companies and their premiums, it is customary that homes located within 5 miles of a fully staffed fire station and 1000’ from the nearest fire hydrant have lower premiums. Station 12 certainly increases the number of households that fall within those guidelines. The Insurance Service Office (ISO) rating system is a tool insurance companies utilize to measure risk and corresponding premiums. This will not happen until the independent rating bureau conducts their official review and reclassifies the area, but we do believe new ratings in the area are imminent.”

ABOUT PAULDING COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE: Founded in 1980, the department provides fire protection, suppression, rescue, and emergency services and employs approximately 180 paid professional personnel. In 2019 the department responded to 16,259 calls through the 911 system for fire and emergency medical service. Paulding County is 313 square miles in size, with a population of ~150,000. Further information is available at <http://www.paulding.gov/index.aspx?nid=70>