

MEDIA ADVISORY

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DEKALB COUNTY TO BREAK GROUND ON A NEW \$10.5 MILLION FIRE STATION

Fire Station No. 5 is one of three new DeKalb County fire stations funded through the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) and scheduled to begin construction this year.

WHO: DeKalb County CEO Lorraine Cochran-Johnson and the Board of Commissioners; DeKalb County Public Safety Director Darnell Fullum; DeKalb County Fire Chief Melvin Carter; City of Tucker Mayor Anne Lerner and City Council; Tucker-Northlake Community Improvement District (CID) Executive Director Matthew Lee; DeKalb SPLOST Program Management; Cooper Construction Management & Consulting; and Pond & Company.

WHAT: DeKalb County officials will host a groundbreaking ceremony to mark the start of construction on Fire Station No. 5. The public can view the event live on Comcast Cable in DeKalb County, and via livestreamed at www.DCTVChannel23.tv.

This new two-story, 14,600-square-foot facility will provide accommodations for male and female firefighters and feature state-of-the-art amenities designed to support firefighter health, safety, and wellness. The fire station will include designated hot and cold zones, with a separate area for soiled turnout gear and laundry located away from the living quarters. This design will help reduce the potential for cross-contamination and limit firefighters' exposure to carcinogens in sleeping and dining areas.

Other amenities will include individual sleeping quarters, a commercial-grade kitchen, a workout room designed to support crew wellness, designated restrooms for all gender-identifying crew members, a multipurpose room for community use, and attractive exterior landscaping.

WHEN: **Thursday, September 3, 2026**
10:00 a.m. (see attached Run of Show)

WHERE: **4329 Cowan Road**
Tucker, Georgia 30084

WHY: The new fire station, located at 4329 Cowan Road, will replace the existing Fire Station No. 5 at 4013 Lawrenceville Highway, which is one of DeKalb County's oldest fire stations, built in 1955.

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RUN OF SHOW
Fire Station No. 5 | Groundbreaking Ceremony
4329 Cowan Road, Tucker, GA
Thursday, September 3, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.

Time:	Individual/Activity:	Length:
10:00 a.m.	Networking & Continental Breakfast	20 min
10:20 a.m.	Lorraine Cochran-Johnson CEO, DeKalb County Mistress of Ceremonies/Opening Remarks	3-5 min
10:25 a.m.	Anne Lerner Mayor, City of Tucker Welcome	2-3 min
10:28 a.m.	Robert Patrick District 1 Commissioner, DeKalb County Remarks	2-3 min
10:31 a.m.	LaDena Bolton Super District 7 Commissioner, DeKalb County Greetings	2-3 min
10:34 a.m.	Matthew Lee Executive Director, Tucker-Northlake CID Remarks	2-3 min
10:37 a.m.	Chris Kingsbury Program Manager, DeKalb County SPLOST Project Overview	2-3 min
10:40 a.m.	Darnell Fullum Public Safety Director, DeKalb County Historical Perspective	2-3 min
10:43 a.m.	Melvin Carter Fire Chief, DeKalb County Closing Remarks	2-3 min
10:46 a.m.	Turning of the Dirt	12-14 min
11:00 a.m.	Ceremony Ends	