

# FIRE STATION 13

## To Return to Downtown Suwanee Area

The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners recently announced that the new Fire Station 13 – formerly located at 343 Buford Highway at Suwanee Town Center – will be constructed on Suwanee Dam Road near the entrance to the library. It will be located adjacent to a city park project that is currently under design.

As part of a joint effort, the City of Suwanee will provide about two acres of land to the county for the new fire station at the intersection of the future Main Street/library driveway and Suwanee Dam Road. The county will fund and manage the design and construction of the station and will construct related road improvements to Main Street and the intersection with Suwanee Dam Road.

“This just shows the kind of good things that can happen when cities and county government work together for the benefit of the public,” said Kirkland Carden, Gwinnett County District 1 Commissioner in an interview with the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*.

Expected to open late 2021, the 11,000-square-foot station will house a fire engine, an ambulance, and a minimum of five firefighters and paramedics. The state-of-the-art facility

will also feature three drive-thru apparatus bays, gear and equipment room, industrial grade kitchen, administrative office area, and individual bunkroom cubicles with a locker room and shower facilities. The facility will be an EarthCraft-certified building and designed to accommodate future growth.

“This new station will enable Gwinnett Fire and Emergency Services to continue to provide the outstanding service that people have come to expect,” said Chief Russell Knick. “It is strategically placed to enhance the emergency response capabilities and the community risk reduction initiatives of the department.”

The former fire station location was redeveloped in 2019 in partnership with the Downtown Development Authority when the lease with Gwinnett County expired. Fire Station 13 personnel have been serving Suwanee from existing stations in the area until the new facility is completed.

