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**EMERGENCY INVENTORY
SUPPLIES COST SAVINGS**

(Lawrenceville, Ga., Feb. 3, 2009) – Gwinnett commissioners heard some good news on Tuesday – the Fire and Emergency Services department saved \$96,000 last year by upgrading their system for keeping emergency supplies readily available at all Gwinnett fire stations.

The emergency supplies in inventory range from fire hoses to intravenous fluids. A 2007 study revealed that their stockpiled supplies were often going out of date or being damaged before they could be used.

Assistant Fire Chief Casey Snyder reported that a new process went into effect last year, complete with a computerized inventory system that has cut the number of individual items in stock by 54 percent while providing more efficient delivery of needed items. The new system does a much better job of keeping all stations stocked with current, undamaged emergency supplies for its fire trucks, ambulances, and other emergency response vehicles.

Board Chairman Charles Bannister thanked the department for their proactive efforts to reduce costs and noted that this project began long before the economic recession made budget cuts inescapable.

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