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## **News Release**

### **MONROE COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES**

#### ***Grand Opening of Fire Station 10 In Smarr***

(Monroe County, Georgia) – Monroe County Emergency Services is excited to announce the grand opening of the new Fire Station 10 located in the community of Smarr, GA on Friday, March 7, 2025. From 10am to 12 Noon, MCES will have a ribbon cutting with elected officials, command staff from Monroe County Emergency Services, and local business leaders who will be neighbors of the new station. From 3pm to 6pm, we welcome the community as a whole to tour the station, participate in fire safety activities, and check out the apparatus that will be housed there.

The Smarr community is centered around Rumble Road between Interstate 75 and Highway 41 South. The original Station 10 that covered the community of Smarr was located near Evans Road and Rumble. That station had a catastrophic fire in November 2021, and since then, Monroe County has searched for a viable location to build a new permanent home.

Through the efforts of Commissioners John Ambrose and Eddie Rowland, they found a great partner in Oglethorpe Power. Oglethorpe Power donated 4 acres of land from their Smarr Energy Facility to Monroe County so that a new station could be built. We look forward to this centrally located station being on-line and staffed with 24-hour career and volunteer staff.

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