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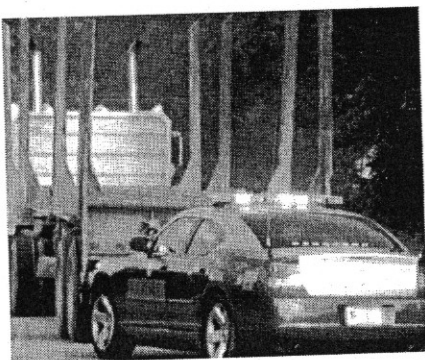
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New State Patrol post for Gwinnett



Look for a new Georgia State Patrol post in Gwinnett County soon to open in a portion of the former Edwin Watts Golf location on Pleasant Hill Rd., in Duluth. The Gwinnett Board of Commissioners approved a one-year lease, with two one-year renewal options. A

permanent facility will be considered in the future.

“The new state patrol post will be a great benefit to our residents,” said Board Chairman Charlotte Nash. “We are thankful for the partnership with the Sheriff and Police departments, the Georgia Department of Transportation and the Georgia State Patrol to provide additional resources in the county.”

Georgia State Patrol announced in late 2012 that 35 state troopers would be assigned to the Interstate-85 corridor, in Gwinnett, to respond to incidents. “The increased presence of our patrol officers along with the new post will help alleviate traffic backups on this heavily traveled roadway,” said Maj. Hank Fielding of the Georgia State Patrol.

Gwinnett Place CID Director Joe Allen said, “The troopers’ presence will go a long way in combating the crime perception and be seen as a positive investment by the area businesses.”

Funding for the officers is being provided by the Georgia Department of Transportation. The Gwinnett County Police Department’s special justice fund, which receives revenue from confiscated assets and the sale of property associated with illegal drug and narcotics activity, will fund the Duluth post.

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