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Phase I Public Safety Radio Project Complete

WOODBINE, Ga. - September 29, 2021 - Phase I of the \$3.7 million Public Safety Radio Project is now complete with the removal of the legacy radio tower located near I-95 and Harrietts Bluff Road. Constructed in 1978, the legacy tower was 300 feet tall and no longer needed due to the addition of three new radio towers in Camden County.

"Completing this first phase of the Public Safety Radio Project showcases Camden County's dedication to keeping our community safe," said Camden County Administrator Steve Howard. "The demolition of the legacy tower was listed as a Major Project in Camden County's 2021-2026-2036 Strategic Plan."

This initial phase of the Public Safety Radio Project included upgrades to the Camden County E911 Center along with construction of three new towers (in Browntown, Waverly, and Woodbine), equipment installation at a fourth site, and the removal of the legacy tower.

"We are excited to complete this first phase of public safety radio upgrades. The removal of this tower completes years of collaboration and hard work from all of Camden County's public safety partners," said Camden County Emergency Management Director Chuck White. "We look forward to Phase II of the project as we undertake a system migration to 700 megahertz necessary to build interoperability area-wide."

Phase I of the Public Safety Radio Project was funded by Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) VII and VIII. Phase II of the project will be funded through a Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) awarded to Camden County earlier this year from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA). In addition to the transition to 700 megahertz, Phase II will also include the construction of a new radio tower at Camden County Fire Rescue Headquarters on Gross Road in Kingsland.

About Camden County: Located in the extreme southeast corner of Georgia, Camden County truly is "Georgia's Coastal Community of Choice." Originally formed in 1777, Camden County is best known for its rich history, natural scenic beauty and Southern hospitality. Our vision is helping to make this the best place to live by preserving and enhancing the history and quality of life, while promoting smart growth and providing an efficient, effective and responsive government.

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