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GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY FOR SOUTH REGION SERVICE CENTER

The Lexington County Sheriff's Department and Lexington County Council will conduct a ground-breaking ceremony at 3 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 18 for the South Region Service Center at the Lexington County Airport at Pelion at 100 Airport Road off Old Charleston Road in Pelion.

Lexington County Sheriff James R. Metts and Lexington County Council Chairman M. Todd Cullum will preside at the ground-breaking ceremony. The South Region Service Center, which is being financed primarily with federal money from the Community Development Block Grant program, will serve as a substation for road patrol deputies and regional detectives who are assigned to provide law enforcement services in southern Lexington County.

County Council approved building the facility in order to enhance law enforcement services in low-to-moderate income neighborhoods in unincorporated areas in Lexington County, Metts said. Deputies who are based at the South Region Service Center will be primarily responsible for providing law enforcement services within a four-mile radius of the center.

"The ground-breaking ceremony for the South Region Service Center reflects Lexington County Council's on-going commitment to provide professional and effective law enforcement services to the citizens of Lexington County," Metts said. "The construction of this facility could help reduce deputies' response times to calls for help from citizens in southern Lexington County because the facility is centrally located within that area."

Money that Lexington County annually receives from the federal Community Development Block Grant program has enhanced public services countywide, Cullum said.

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The projects that have been financed through the federal Community Development Block Grant program include the Sharpes Hill Fire Station on S.C. 6 near Gaston and the installation of public water lines along Old Barnwell Road in the Red Bank community, Princeton Road in the South Congaree community and Double Branch Road in the West Columbia community, Cullum said. Money from the program also financed the installation of fire hydrants and public water lines and road paving on Happy Town Road near Swansea and improvements in public sewage services provided in the Lloydwood neighborhood near Cayce.
