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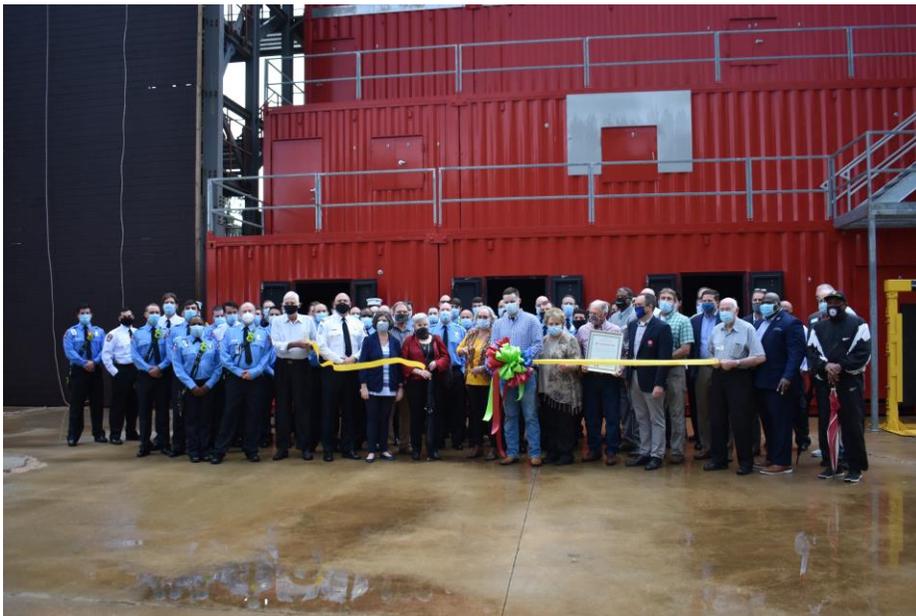
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## **LaGrange Fire Training Center Named for Raymond L. Stewart**

***LaGrange, Ga. September 30, 2020*** – The LaGrange Fire Department is proud to announce the new LFD Training Center is named in honor of the late LFD Deputy Chief Raymond L. Stewart.



LFD Training Center Ribbon Cutting

The City of LaGrange held a ribbon cutting/grand opening for the LFD Training Center Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. The naming of the facility was unveiled during the ceremony.

“Naming the Training Center after Ray Stewart is important to our department because he was one of us, he served this community for more than thirty years,” said LFD Chief John Brant. “He gave so much to so many and it was nice to honor him and his family by putting his name on the Training Center. He dedicated his life to training and developing others and it is fitting that his name be on the sign where we are training and developing firefighters.”



LFD Chief John Brant stands with LaGrange Mayor Jim Thornton, Mayor Pro Tem Nathan Gaskin, Councilmember Mark Mitchell, Councilmember Jim Arrington and family members of Ray Stewart

Deputy Chief Stewart served thirty-one years with the LaGrange Fire Department from June 11, 1979 to November 21, 2010. Deputy Chief Stewart was on the cutting edge of training bringing new ideas into his department throughout his tenure. He taught more than twenty rookie schools and trained more than a thousand firefighters. He was also instrumental in the formation of the current training center in the late 1990's.

Stewart's wife Lynn Stewart, their son Sam and family members were honored at the ceremony.

To view the ceremony go to the city's LGTV Facebook page  
[www.facebook.com/LGTV.org](http://www.facebook.com/LGTV.org).

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