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## Camden County recognized by NACo for innovative county government efforts

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Camden County was recently recognized by the National Association of Counties (NACo) for implementing innovative county government programs to better serve area residents. The 2010 NACo Achievement Awards winners were recognized July 26 during the NACo's 75th Annual Conference and Exposition in Washoe County, Nev.

This year, the following county programs won NACo Achievement Awards:

- STEMI – Saving Lives in the Field, Camden County Fire Rescue
- Going Green – Saving Green, Office of Strategic Planning

The NACo Achievement Award program is a non-competitive program that recognizes counties for improving the management of and services provided by county government. Since the program's inception in 1970, the NACo Achievement Award program has honored thousands of county government initiatives that have improved service delivery, achieved greater cost efficiency, provided finer customer service, and helped to develop a better-trained work force.

This year's winners represent 31 states and 107 counties.

“For the first time in more than 10 years, nearly two-thirds of the applications for the NACo Achievement Awards program received awards,” said Jacqueline Byers, Director of Research. “As judges read these awards,



they all commented on how county governments were addressing their economic situations with intelligence, innovation and grit. I continue to be amazed at the work that counties are doing to address their budget shortfalls and meet their residents' needs at the same time. I can only offer my compliments and congratulations to them all.” For more information on the NACo Achievement Awards, visit [www.naco.org](http://www.naco.org).

Pictured from left: NACo Board Member and former NACo President Don Stapley, Maricopa County, Ariz., Supervisor, Camden County Administrator Steve L. Howard, and Mr. Harry Hayes, Senior Public Service Associate/Local Government Project Director at Carl Vision Institute of Government at the University of Georgia

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