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**Camden County Fire Rescue Receives
*Assistance to Firefighters Grant***

WOODBINE, GEORGIA – August 20, 2018 – The Department of Homeland Security has awarded Camden County Fire Rescue (CCFR) an *Assistance to Firefighters Grant* (AFG). This funding will give CCFR the opportunity to send approximately twenty (20) Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) to paramedic school.

The main goal of the AFG is to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire-related hazards by providing direct financial assistance to eligible fire departments, nonaffiliated Emergency Medical Services organizations, and State Fire Training Academies.

“I am thrilled that we received these grant monies to train new paramedics,” said Camden County Fire Rescue Assistant Chief and EMS Director Charles Lowther. “The addition of new paramedics will reduce our current shortage, enhance the public’s safety, and save tax payer money by eliminating the need for additional overtime. We will also be able to improve the level of service we provide to the citizens of Camden County.”



From Left: Commission Chair Jimmy Starline, Commissioner Lannie Brant, Commissioner Gary Blount, Assistant Chief Charles Lowther, Chief Terry Smith, Commission Vice-Chair Chuck Clark, Grants Manager Julie Haigler, and Commissioner Ben Casey.

Upon class completion, participants will be able to sit for the National Registry test to receive National Paramedic Certification. Classes will be led by Rescue Training, Inc., an organization approved by the Georgia Department of Public Health Office of EMS & Trauma to teach paramedic courses, and will begin after the start of the year at a satellite campus in Waycross.

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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