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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# Camden County Receives Recognition from the National Association of Counties (NACo)

**WOODBINE, GEORGIA – August 2, 2017** – Recently, Camden County Administrator Steve Howard and Fire Rescue Chief/EMA Director Mark Crews traveled to Franklin County, Ohio to receive recognition as a Best in Category Achievement Award winner and as one of the 100 Brilliant Ideas at Work by the National Association of Counties (NACo). The awards honor innovative, effective county government programs that enhance services for residents, such as Camden County’s “Brush Truck and Tanker Retrofit Program through a Public-Public Partnership”.

“It is an honor to represent Camden County by accepting these awards,” said Camden County Administrator Steve Howard. “The privilege of being acknowledged on a national level is a credit to the hard work of Camden County employees.”

The Camden County Fire Rescue Department partnered with the Georgia Forestry Commission through the Rural Fire Defense lease program to purchase three (3) former military trucks. These trucks were retrofitted to become combination brush and tanker trucks to aid the Camden County Fire Rescue in fighting forest and brush fires. After the cost of retrofitting the trucks, Camden County was able to save approximately \$650,000. The addition of these trucks to the County’s fleet will lower vehicle maintenance costs, provide safer equipment, and improve response times for Camden County citizens. You can learn more about this project by visiting: <http://www.naco.org/brilliant-ideas/brush-truck-and-tanker-retrofit-program-through-public-public-partnership>.



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**About NACo:** The National Association of Counties (NACo) unites America’s 3,069 county governments. Founded in 1935, NACo brings county officials together to advocate with a collective voice on national policy, exchange ideas and build new leadership skills, pursue transformational county solutions, enrich the public’s understanding of county government and exercise exemplary leadership in public service. Learn more at [www.naco.org](http://www.naco.org)

**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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