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**Camden County Fire Rescue Receives Grant for
 Emergency Medical Technician Basic Course**

WOODBINE, GEORGIA – July 23, 2018 – The Georgia Association of Emergency Medical Services (GAEMS) has awarded Camden County Fire Rescue (CCFR) a grant to help pay for an Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT-B) course. This program is made possible by State of Georgia funding provided through the Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission.

Instructors from Camden County Fire Rescue and the St. Marys Fire Department are leading this class of firefighters from both departments as well as the Kingsland Fire Department. Upon completion, students will be able to take the National Registry EMT test. After passing the test and receiving their Georgia license numbers, class graduates may work on an ambulance with a paramedic.



From Left: Camden County Fire Rescue Captain Karolyn Mills, Instructor; Firefighter J.D. Thrash; and Firefighter Austin Oglesby

“I am excited about the opportunity for our firefighters to take the EMT-B course locally,” said Camden County Fire Rescue Assistant Chief and EMS Director Charles Lowther. “This class will improve the level of service we provide to the citizens of Camden County.”

This grant aided in funding the instructors’ salaries and the purchase of books. Additionally, students will receive a jump bag and safety vest. This 200-hour course began on July 6th and will continue

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through September 7th. As part of the classwork, students will complete clinical hours on ambulances.



About the Georgia Association of Emergency Medical Services (GAEMS): The mission of the GAEMS is to advocate for the emergency medical provider, develop educational programs, liaison activities, provider benefit programs, and improvements to the Emergency Medical Service System in Georgia. Learn more at: <https://www.georgiaems.net>.

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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