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**CITY OF CAMDEN TO RECEIVE \$5.1 MILLION IN FEDERAL SAFER  
GRANT TO REHIRE FIREFIGHTERS**

**CAMDEN** – Mayor Dana L. Redd today praised the anticipated announcement that the City of Camden will receive \$5.1 million in a federal SAFER grant. The SAFER grant will allow the City to rehire some firefighters that were laid-off last month.

“I want to assure Camden residents that even during these difficult economic times, public safety remains my top priority,” **Mayor Redd said.** “I truly thank Congressman Andrews for his support and tireless effort in securing a portion of the federal SAFER grant for the City of Camden. I will continue to work with Senators Menendez and Lautenberg, Congressman Andrews, State Senator Norcross, and Assemblymen Fuentes and Wilson to seek solutions that will assist us in enhancing public safety initiatives in Camden, as well as bringing back as many police and fire jobs as possible.”

The Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants (SAFER) was created to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations in order to help them increase the number of trained, "front line" firefighters available in their communities. The goal of SAFER is to enhance the local fire departments' abilities to comply with staffing, response and operational standards established by the NFPA and OSHA. For more information about the SAFER grant, please visit [www.nfpa.org/SAFERActGrant](http://www.nfpa.org/SAFERActGrant).

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