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**CITY OF CAMDEN RECEIVES NEARLY \$4 MILLION IN FEDERAL COPS  
GRANT FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SAFETY**

**CAMDEN** – Mayor Dana L. Redd, Senator Robert Menendez, and Congressman Rob Andrews today applauded the announcement from the U.S. Department of Justice that the City of Camden received \$3,794,966 in COPS Hiring Program (CHP) grant funding to rehire 14 Camden police officers.

“Being able to rehire an additional 14 police officers with this new round of the federal COPS grant is truly welcomed news for Camden,” Mayor Redd said. “This new COPS grant will help restore confidence to our residents and businesses. The City is thankful for the continued support and advocacy from Senators Menendez and Lautenberg and Congressman Andrews.”

“This is great news for the Camden City Police Department which has been struggling with budget cuts and layoffs, even as they work as hard as ever to keep us safe,” Senator Menendez said. “We have an obligation to support our police and I’m so pleased this critical funding is on the way.”

“We are pleased to announce that with these new federal dollars, we can bring back 14 more brave officers to patrol the streets of Camden and make the City a safer place to live, study and do business,” Congressman Andrews said. “With these rehired officers, we are more than half way to restoring the public safety layoffs and we will continue to fight to get Camden the resources needed to rebuild its force and achieve stability.”

Designed to bolster community policing and crime prevention efforts, the CHP competitive grant program provides state and local law enforcement agencies with much-needed relief so that they can hire and sustain full-time officers without burdening taxpayers or their current operating budget.

For more information regarding the CHP, please visit the U.S. Department of Justice website at [www.cops.usdoj.gov/](http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/).

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