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## **RESIDENTIAL FIRE RELATED DEATHS IN ARIZONA UP TO 7**

### **GLENDALE FIREFIGHTERS TO EDUCATE FAMILIES ON SMOKE DETECTORS AND HOME ESCAPE PLANNING**

**GLENDALE, AZ.** – There were at least 34 residential fire related deaths in Arizona in 2008. This year's number is currently at 7 for 2009. The latest deadly incidents happened on March 2<sup>nd</sup> in the East Valley when a home fire claimed the lives of a 29 year old man and his 1 year old daughter and on March 3<sup>rd</sup> when a lady in her forty's died in a home fire in the North Valley.

Glendale Firefighters, with the help of the Orchard Glenn Home Owners Association and a Weed and Seed Grant, will provide an education on smoke detectors and home escape planning to the children and parents of Harold W. Smith School, located at 6534 N. 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue in Glendale. The event will take place on Thursday and Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Each family will receive a free smoke detector and will get a firsthand look at just how fast smoke can fill a room using the Glendale Fire Safety Trailer. The safety trailer, or "smoke trailer," creates non-toxic smoke to help educate families on the importance of escape planning. Once in the trailer, families are encouraged to stay low as they escape the smoke and flames.

Nationally, 3,000 people die each year due to fire. According to the NFPA (National Fire Protection Association), one-third of American Households who made an estimate thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire in their would become life-threatening. The reality is fire can sweep through a home within just 2 minutes. Glendale Firefighters say the questions everyone should ask themselves are; if a fire occurs at my home in the middle of the night, am I ready? Are my children ready?

**WHO:** Glendale Fire Department, Orchard Glenn HOA and Smith School

**WHAT:** Glendale Firefighters Educate Families on Smoke Detectors/Home Escape Planning

**WHEN:** March 12<sup>nd</sup> and March 13<sup>th</sup>. 11:30 AM- 3:30 PM.

**WHERE:** Harold W. Smith School. 6534 N. 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Glendale.

**WHY:** Residential fire related deaths in Arizona up to 7. ###

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