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GLENDALE FIREFIGHTERS URGE COMMUNITY TO BE WATER WISE, TWO YEAR OLD GIRL IS GLENDALE'S FIRST CHILD FATAL DROWNING OF 2009

GLENDALE, AZ. – At approximately 7:00 P.M. yesterday, June 28th, Glendale Firefighters responded to a home near 67th Avenue and Utopia Road for a reported child drowning. Glendale firefighters arrived four minutes after being dispatched to find an adult performing CPR on a 2 year old girl. The child reportedly was in a bathtub when she slipped under the water for an unknown amount of time.

Firefighters immediately treated the young girl with advanced life support protocols and air lifted her to Saint Joseph's Hospital where unfortunately she was later pronounced. The young girl becomes the first child drowning fatality in Glendale this year. The Glendale Police Department continues its investigation and has not released names of the child or parents.

Glendale Firefighters are urging the community to be water wise. According to the *Children's Safety Zone*, from 2001 to 2008, on average, 19 children have died each year in a water related incident in Maricopa County. So far this year in Maricopa County, there has been at least 80 water related incidents with at least 21 deaths, 8 being children. Drowning incidents affect the entire community.

Glendale Fire Department Safety Tips:

- Adults and Children should learn how to swim
- Learn CPR
- Never swim alone
- Install barriers
- Empty water buckets after use
- **ALWAYS, ALWAYS WATCH YOUR CHILDREN AROUND WATER!**

More safety tips can be found on the Glendale Fire Department website,

www.glendaleaz.com/fire ###

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