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Glendale Firefighters Hopes to Raise Awareness with Mock Drowning Presentation

- **WHAT:** 2009 Glendale Water Safety Day
- **WHO:** Glendale Fire; Glendale Parks and Recreations; Southwest Ambulance; Arizona Physicians, IPA; Sanderson Ford
- **WHEN:** Friday, June 5, 2009. 4pm – 7pm.
- **WHERE:** Rose Lane Aquatic Center. 5003 W. Marlette Ave., Glendale.
- **WHY:** To Raise Water Safety Awareness. Since 2000, approximately 20 children have died each year due to drowning in Maricopa County.

The 2009 Glendale Water Safety Day is sponsored by the Glendale Fire Department; Glendale Parks and Recreation Department; Southwest Ambulance; Arizona Physicians, IPA; and Sanderson Ford and promises to be a day of fun and education for children and adults on the opening week of Rose Lane Aquatics Center in Glendale.

Among many activities on this free swim day to the public, sponsored by Arizona Physicians, IPA, Southwest Ambulance will present Glendale Vice Mayor Manny Martinez and the Glendale Parks and Recreations Department with a check for \$5,000 which will go towards swim lessons for children this summer. Sanderson Ford will also unveil the new Glendale Fire Department “Mobile Safety Message”, a vehicle donated to the Glendale Fire Department with a special safety message wrap to act as a moving billboard to promote safety throughout the city.

Glendale Firefighters along with Southwest Ambulance crews and life Rose Lane Aquatics Center life guards will perform a MOCK drowning to educate families of the impact of such an unfortunate event and to promote water safety this summer. “Unfortunately since 2000, on average approximately 20 children have died each year due to drowning in Maricopa County,” said Glendale Fire Chief Mark Burdick. “For every fatal child drowning, there are several others who suffer from lifelong disabilities due to near drowning,” Chief Burdick continued. “We are asking everyone to please watch your children around water,” Chief Burdick added. ###

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