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CIGARETTES LIKELY RESPONSIBLE FOR GLENDALE HOUSE FIRE

Glendale, Ariz. — On Tuesday, October 3, at approximately 8:00 a.m., firefighters were dispatched to a house fire, near the 5200 block of West Purdue Avenue, believed to have been caused by cigarettes not properly disposed of by the resident.

A resident noticed her home was filling up with smoke and called 911.

When firefighters arrived on the scene, they found a contents fire in the garage and were able to extinguish it quickly before it spread to the rest of the home.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), cigarette fires cause close to 1,000 deaths and 3,000 injuries each year in the United States. As the ignition source in fires responsible for over 20% of all fire deaths, cigarettes are the nation's largest single cause of such deaths.

The Glendale Fire Department wants to remind everyone to use extra care when smoking.

SAFETY TIPS:

- **Never smoke inside.**
- **Wherever you smoke, use deep ashtrays and always place them on something that is sturdy and non-flammable. Remember, chairs and couches burn fast and easily catch on fire.**
- **Make sure cigarettes and ashes are completely out before leaving ashtrays unattended.**
- **Never smoke anywhere where oxygen is in use, even if the oxygen is turned off.**
- **Do not smoke if you are sleepy, have been drinking alcohol, or taken medication that can make you drowsy.**

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