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## GLENDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT STARTING NEW YEAR SEEKING COMMUNITY INPUT

**Glendale, Ariz.** — The Glendale Fire Department is looking for residents, business owners, community partners and others to be part of a new process that will prioritize services the fire department provides to the community. This initiative, also known as Community Based Strategic Planning, will form committees to set calculated goals for the fire department and its budget based on the feedback and needs identified by members of the community.

The process is expected to take approximately three months and will result in a final report of prioritized fire department services determined by citizens, community and business partners from the City of Glendale. Outreach to the community has been facilitated through the Glendale Chamber of Commerce, the Glendale City Council, community activists, faith based groups and the department's social media outlets. Participants are currently being selected and the department is anticipating up to 15 members from the city's six council districts for a total of 90 individuals.

Participants are required to attend two meetings that are four hours each that will include presentations and a question and answer session from fire department staff. Following that process, the participants will then be asked to prioritize the fire department's services. In addition, participants will be invited to observe fire department services directly through a "ride-a-long" opportunity. At the end of the three month process, the participant committee will reconvene to provide final feedback.

All of the input from the citizens and community and business partners will then become part of a final report that is expected to reflect the opinions and desires of the people who work and live in Glendale. The final report will provide a guideline for future planning for the department and will be distributed to all participants, the city council and city manager, and posted on the fire department website.

To be a part of this process, citizens must work or live in Glendale, be 18 years of age and attend one 4-hour introductory meeting near the citizen's council district and one 4-hour final wrap-up meeting at the Glendale City Council Chambers.

The informational/small group sessions will be conducted at the following locations:

Yucca & Ocotillo Districts  
Saturday, February 15, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Glendale Regional Public Safety Training Center  
11550 West Glendale Avenue

Cactus & Barrel Districts  
Saturday, February 22, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Glendale Main Library  
5959 West Brown Street

Cholla & Sahuaro Districts  
Saturday, March 1, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Foothills Recreation & Aquatic Center  
5600 West Union Hills Drive

The final wrap-up meeting will be conducted:

Saturday, April 5, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Glendale Council Chambers  
5850 West Glendale Avenue

For more information regarding the fire department's community based strategic planning process or to apply, please visit [www.glendaleaz.com/fire](http://www.glendaleaz.com/fire).

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