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GLENDALE FIRE "CALLED TO CARE", WILL HOST OPEN HOUSE DURING EMS WEEK

Glendale, Ariz. — The Glendale Fire Department will salute emergency medical personnel during National Emergency Medical Services Week, May 15-21. The nationwide event brings together local communities and medical personnel to publicize safety and at the same time honor those dedicated to providing emergency medical services 24/7.

In honor of this year's theme, "Called To Care", the Glendale Fire Department will host an open house at fire station 157, located at 9658 North 59 Avenue, on Wednesday, May 18, from 4:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. Those attending are encouraged to park in the Glendale Community College parking lot, just west of Fire Station 157, and enter through the back gate on the west side of the fire station.

The open house will include tours of the fire station, static displays of fire-paramedic apparatuses including Glendale Fire's rescue helicopter, HALO 151, blood pressure checks and CPR demonstrations.

Firefighters will also provide food for all those in attendance.

In Glendale, 120 of the 247 firefighters are paramedics. To become a paramedic, firefighters have to further their education by completing a six-month course that includes 1,200 hours of training. Paramedics provide the necessary skills to stabilize a patient until an emergency room doctor treats them. The higher level of training includes advanced cardiac life support, managing patients in traumatic situations, administering life-saving drugs, human anatomy/physiology and administering an I.V. and airway intubation.

Paramedics are assigned to work on one of the twelve-paramedic engine and ladder companies that protect the city of Glendale.

Recently, in a way to deliver a more precise level of care, the Glendale Fire Department launched a new medical unit referred to as "Low Acuity 151", a two-person unit that handles low-level emergency calls.

LA151 will be on display as well.

While medical emergencies make up majority of the department's call volume, the Glendale Fire Department is an "all-hazards" department having responded to 39,109 incidents in 2015, which included structure fires, hazardous materials and technical rescue incidents and miscellaneous calls for service.

For more information on the Glendale Fire Department's EMS Division, contact Captain Rob Johnsson at (623) 930-4447.