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## GLENDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT PARTNERS WITH EAGLE SCOUT CANDIDATE TO DONATE WATER

**Glendale, Ariz.** — Michael Rothamer is a senior at Liberty High School and part time lifeguard at Ironwood High School. He heard on T.V. that the Glendale Fire Dept. was looking for donations of water over the summer months. He was also looking for a service opportunity for his Eagle Scout Project and knew this could be a worthy cause to support.

After a random call to Fire Administration, he was connected to the Fire Department Resource Management Division. With Boy Scout approval, he set out planning, organization and developing his water drive. His goal was 200 cases to be collected and knew he wanted to involve the surrounding neighborhoods, retail community and his church.

Coincidentally, Glendale Fire with Glendale Parks and Recreation were already teamed-up collecting water at local fire stations to support their respite sites located throughout the City. Michael's donations contributed significantly to the overall effort to get water to those in need. Approximate donated hours will exceed 150 and he stacked case after case during our recent heatwave with 115 degree weather.

Michael values this experience on many levels. H feels he has made a contribution towards helping out the community and providing some relief to those less fortunate coping with the sweltering summer heat. He has also had the privilege of partnering with the Glendale Fire Department and working with them on this project while understanding the scope of their influence in the community.

The Eagle Scout program has helped him develop and grow in leadership, communication, organization and time management skills to name a few. It has helped lay a foundation of good work ethics and service that will stay with him well into his future endeavors.

Final count on water collection is:  
Neighborhood - 77 cases  
Retail stores - 155 cases  
Church - 126 cases  
Total water - 358 cases

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