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GLENDALE FIRE EMPLOYEES SELECTED AS “EVERYDAY HEROES”

Glendale, Ariz. — The Glendale Fire Department’s Dr. Janet Boberg and Jason Webb were selected as “Everyday Heroes” by the Glendale Elementary School District at an awards ceremony at the District Administrative Office, May 18, 2016.

Dr. Boberg, the department's Community Services Division Manager, earned the award partly based on her efforts during Landmark Elementary Career Exploration Academy for 7th and 8th graders.

As part of the Career Exploration Academy, Boberg taught a 21-hour basic disaster preparedness Community Emergency Response Team Teen Course (CERT-Teen) to the students as a way to prepare them to assist in the school, their home or neighborhood in the event of a disaster. Taught to the students were skill training in fire extinguishment, utility shutoff, CPR and AED usage, medical treatment, cribbing, disaster psychology, terrorism identification, and organizational systems.

Webb, a firefighter-paramedic, was acknowledged for his dedicated work as the Desert Spirit Elementary Fire Pal. The Glendale Fire Pal Program provides a seven-lesson fire and life safety program to children in kindergarten through third grade. The program includes the importance of 9-1-1 and smoke detectors, home escape planning, water safety and more.

“Firefighter Webb’s and Dr. Boberg’s drive and passion for educating others has had a significant impact in the community, and we're all safer because of them,” said Glendale Fire Chief Terry Garrison.

This was not the first time Boberg and Webb have received recognition for their work.

The Glendale Fire Department's Youth Firesetter Intervention Program, managed by Boberg, is acknowledged by the U.S. Fire Administration as one of the top programs in the nation. According to the USFA website, Glendale Fire's intervention program is one of only eight successful programs in the country. Webb, who became a burn victim when he was 13 years old as a result of playing with fire, plays a significant role in the program as an instructor and counselor.

The primary goal of the intervention program is to detect children at risk for participating in unsupervised fire-setting incidents and then provide educational intervention to stop the fire-setting behavior. The program is free and is available to any Valley youth between the ages of 3 and 17. The curriculum includes fire safety education, fire science, and the consequences of fire-setting, burn injuries, choices, and arson and fireworks laws.