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FIREFIGHTERS USE CPR TO SAVE DOG AFTER APARTMENT FIRE

Glendale, Ariz. — On Friday July 20th, firefighters pulled three dogs from a back bedroom of an apartment that was on fire at 6800 West Myrtle Ave. The fire, called in by the home owner, was apparently started by a 4 year old playing with a lighter in a bedroom.

One of the dogs rescued had to be resuscitated by Glendale firefighters, using specialized equipment from their FIDO bag. The FIDO bag, created by a Glendale firefighter, are medical bags containing customized oxygen masks and other medical supplies specifically made to care for animals in emergency situations like fires. The bags were placed on Glendale fire trucks in April of 2007 after the Sun Valley Animal Shelter made a generous donation of \$4,000 to fund the FIDO bag program. Glendale firefighters, having saved numerous animals using the FIDO bag equipment, believe that the bags are a necessity since 70% of households have pets.

Glendale's FIDO bag program is currently out of money and down to only a few supplies. The department hopes they can find sponsors soon to keep this truly lifesaving program ongoing.

For more information or for media interviews, please contact Michael Young, PIO, at 623-238-0179.

Photos attached of dog rescue.



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