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GLENDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT REMINDS RESIDENTS “SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES”

Glendale, Ariz. — Working smoke alarms can make a life-saving difference in a fire. That’s the message behind this year’s Fire Prevention Week campaign, “Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month!”

Along with firefighters and safety advocates nationwide, the Glendale Fire Department is joining forces with the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) during Fire Prevention Week, October 5-11, to remind local residents about the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home and testing them monthly.

According to the latest NFPA research, working smoke alarms cut the chance of dying in a fire in half. Meanwhile, almost two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

This year’s Fire Prevention Week campaign includes the following smoke alarm messages:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- Interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. This way, when one sounds, they all do.
- Test alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or sooner if they don’t respond properly.
- Make sure everyone in the home knows the sound of the smoke alarm and understands what to do when they hear it.

The Glendale Fire Department will also be conducting a smoke alarm walk this Saturday, October 4, to promote “Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives!” Firefighters and volunteers will be visiting approximately 300 residences at the Palm Shadows Mobile Home Park, located at 7300 North 51 Avenue, checking existing smoke alarms, installing new ones and talking to residents about the importance of working smoke alarms and testing them monthly.

To find out more about Glendale Fire Department’s Fire Prevention Week and activities, follow them on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/GlendaleFire>. To learn more about smoke alarms and the “Working Smoke Alarms Saves Lives” campaign, visit NFPA’s Web site at www.firepreventionweek.org.



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