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## **GLENDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFERS SAFETY TIPS AFTER FAMILY PERISHES IN HOUSE FIRE**

**Glendale, Ariz.** — At approximately 1:30 a.m. this morning, the Glendale Fire and Police Departments, along with the Phoenix Fire Department and the Peoria Fire-Medical Department, responded to the 5200 block of West Mercer Avenue for a reported house fire in which four people perished.

The Glendale Fire Department understands the public's desire for information regarding this tragedy, and as information becomes available, it will be released. This incident is still under investigation so any comment directly related to this fire will come from the Glendale Police Department until further notice.

To make sure a horrible incident such as this one does not happen again, the Glendale Fire Department would like to offer these general safety tips. In no way do any of these safety tips suggest a cause of death or indicate a cause of the fire.

Our sincere and heartfelt condolences and prayers go out to anyone and everyone affected by this tragedy.

- Have working smoke alarms in every room of your home including in the kitchen near the stove and test every smoke alarm once a month.
- Change every smoke alarm battery once a year: New Year new battery (Unless you have a 10-year sealed battery in your smoke alarm).
- Get new smoke alarms every 10 years.
- Remember, smoke and heat rise making the air near the floor cooler and fresher.
- Sleep with your bedroom door closed as it takes fire 10 to 15 minutes to burn through a wooden door, giving you more time to escape.

- If smoke is coming into your room, go to your hands and knees and crawl to the safest exit.
- Test all closed doors before you open them with the back of your hand.
- If the door is hot, DO NOT OPEN IT, GO TO THE WINDOW OR OTHER DOOR AND GET OUT.
- Never leave food unattended when cooking.
- Know the two ways out of most rooms in your home: Usually a door and window.
- Make sure that both ways out are not blocked by belongings.
- Make sure that you can open your windows and doors with ease, if not get them fixed.
- If you have bars on your windows, they should have a quick and easy release.
- If you live on a 2nd or 3rd floor consider purchasing an escape ladder.
- A special meeting place should be included in your escape plan.
- Your meeting place should be located a safe distance from your home: A mailbox, tree, neighbor's driveway, etc.
- Once outside, call 9-1-1 from a cell phone or neighbor's telephone and wait for the fire department.
- NEVER GO BACK INSIDE FOR ANY REASON!

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