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## **FIREFIGHTERS CONTINUE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF GLENDALE FAMILIES DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON**

**Glendale, Ariz.** — Whether its needy families during Thanksgiving, a Salvation Army that was recently robbed or Christmas trees that are absent of presents, Glendale firefighters always follow their mission statement of “Fast, Caring, Innovative, and Professional,”, and see to it that no one in the Glendale community goes without.

For the 12<sup>th</sup> straight year, firefighters have spent the past three weeks collecting gifts at fire stations, Glendale Glitters and in a K-Mart parking lot. Due to the firefighters efforts and the community’s willingness to reach into their hearts to give to those in need this holiday season, Christmas will have a special meaning for 450 families from the Glendale Elementary School District.

The gifts are currently being separated into large bundles and will be delivered to the families, many of whom will now be able to surprise their children by having presents under their Christmas tree.

On Saturday, Dec. 14, Glendale Firefighters presented a check to Vice Mayor Yvonne Knaack, who sits on the Glendale Salvation Army’s Advisory board, in the amount of \$1700, the same amount that was stolen from the Valley of the Sun Salvation Army’s Korean chapter in Glendale on Dec. 3.

On Saturday, Nov. 23, six Glendale fire trucks took time to distribute holiday meals to 44 needy Glendale families for Thanksgiving. Working with the Phoenix Rescue Mission and Glendale’s Hope for Hunger Food Bank, firefighters delivered food to families identified by the Glendale Elementary School District as ones that were in need, similar to the toy drive. Each family received a holiday food box, a turkey, bottled water and much more. The biggest surprise for the families was the sight of the fire engines pulling up to their house. For more information regarding Glendale Firefighters’ charitable mission, please visit