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## **FIREFIIGHTERS AND HOSPITAL TAKE ACTION TO PREVENT DROWNING**

*Pool fence repairs and installations available to Glendale homes*

**Glendale, Ariz.** — With temperatures rising, Valley Firefighters already see an increase in water-related emergencies. Glendale Firefighters from Local 493 and volunteers from Banner Children's at Banner Thunderbird Medical Center are working together, educating the community to be safe around water inside and outside the house.

On Saturday, May 20 from 9 a.m. to noon the public is encouraged to join Banner Health volunteers and firefighters to walk door-to-door.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, drowning is the leading cause of unintentional death for children ages one through four. Organizers of the walk hope that these educational efforts will help prevent tragedies from occurring. Representatives from Ironman Pool Fence will also join the walk to inspect and repair pool fences. Glendale Firefighters, assisted by their charities group, Glendale Firefighters Charities have committed to leaving no repair or pool fence needed behind. They will be covering costs for those who cannot afford it.

Volunteer orientation will start at 9:15 a.m. on the southwest corner of 55th Ave and Thunderbird Rd. with the walk proceeding at 9:30 a.m. Volunteers will visit homes between 59th Ave and 51st Ave and north of Thunderbird Rd. to Acoma Dr.

### **About Glendale Firefighters Charities**

Glendale Firefighters Charities is a 501 (C) (3) non-profit organization that is very active in the community. Last year alone, Glendale Firefighters volunteered over 6000 hours while off duty to support

numerous local community causes like Hope for Hunger Food Bank, Glendale Firefighters Annual Toy Drive, and Glendale Firefighters Back to School Drive. They also organized neighborhood smoke detector and water safety walks, donations of services, food, and money to families in need and financial assistance to Firefighters, Police and Military personnel injured as well as relatives of those lost in the line of duty.

### **About Banner Children's**

Banner Children's, part of nonprofit Banner Health, cares for more kids than any other health system in Arizona. From well-child exams to treatment of minor injuries and illnesses to management of chronic conditions, the experienced team at Banner Children's provides comprehensive, family-centered medical care for every child in Banner Health centers and clinics, emergency rooms, hospitals and outpatient facilities. Services include behavioral health, cancer care, diabetes and endocrinology, digestive care, emergency care, heart care, neurosciences, primary care, surgery and more. For more information about Banner Children's services, physicians and locations, visit [www.BannerChildrens.com](http://www.BannerChildrens.com) or check us out on Facebook.

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