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GLENDALE FIREFIGHTER GRADUATES FROM HAZARDOUS MATERIAL TRAINING

Glendale, Ariz. — The Glendale Fire Department has added one firefighter to its Hazardous Material Team. Firefighter-Paramedic Courtney Dunlap, who just graduated from Technical Rescue School six weeks ago, graduated from Hazardous Materials School on June 17 and began working immediately as a Hazardous Materials and Technical Rescue Technician.

The Hazardous Materials course required 200 hours of intensive classroom and field training. Dunlap learned chemistry, decontamination, how to dress in protective clothing, management of a hazardous materials scene, the use of high-tech meters and the different classifications of chemicals.

The opportunity to certify one more Hazardous Materials Technician was possible after the fire department was awarded a grant from the Department of Homeland Security's Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI). There were zero costs incurred by the city to bolster the Hazardous Materials Team stationed at fire station 157, located at 9658 North 59 Avenue.

There is now a total of 55 Glendale firefighters who are Hazardous Materials Technicians.

Due to the "Automatic Aid" system in the Valley, the Glendale team could respond to incidents involving hazardous materials almost anywhere in the Phoenix metropolitan area.

Dunlap is the president of the Glendale Firefighters Olympic Committee and has competed numerous times at various police and fire sporting events in boxing.