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GLENDALE FIREFIGHTERS GRADUATE FROM HAZARDOUS MATERIAL TRAINING

Glendale, Ariz. — The Glendale Fire Department has added two firefighters to its Hazardous Material Team. The selected members graduated from Hazardous Material School on December 11, 2013.

The course required 200 hours of intensive classroom and field training. The firefighters 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 two more Hazardous Materials Technicians was made 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, who are stationed at fire station 157, located at 9658 North 59 Avenue.

There are now a total of 54 Glendale firefighters who are Hazardous Materials Technicians. The newest members will begin their work immediately. 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.

The new members of the Glendale team are Firefighter/Paramedic Michael O'Neill and Firefighter/Paramedic Kyle McQuaid. (Photos attached)