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FIREFIGHTERS URGING RESIDENTS TO BE READY DURING NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

Glendale, Ariz. — Emergencies can affect us where we live, work, and visit. September is National Preparedness Month which serves as a reminder that individuals, families, and businesses must take action to prepare, now and throughout the year. Preparedness is a shared responsibility; it takes a whole community.

Here are some recommendations to help prepare for disasters and emergencies:

- Make a family emergency communication plan. Also, write down important phone numbers and keep them in your wallet, not just your cell phone.
- Decide on a meeting place where your family can reunite if a disaster occurs and practice gathering at the location.
- Build an emergency supply kit that includes enough food and water to last at least three days. Consider additional kits for your car and work. Tailor the kit for your lifestyle.
- When you check your smoke detector, check your supplies and replace any expired items.
- Be Informed. The type of hazards in your community may vary depending on where you live. What types of hazards do Arizona and Glendale have? Extreme heat, thunderstorms, flooding, and wildfires are just a few. There can be secondary events such as power outages and hazardous material incidents.

Information on specific hazards, templates for communication plans, checklists for preparedness kits, and more are available from the following resources:

- City of Glendale Division of Emergency Management's website,

www.glendaleaz.com/emergencymanagement

- Department of Homeland Security's Ready campaign, www.ready.gov

- Download the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) free mobile app at

www.fema.gov/mobile-app, to receive weather alerts, create emergency checklists, and find resources during disasters.

Don't Wait, Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today!