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FIREFIGHTERS URGING RESIDENTS TO BE READY DURING NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

Glendale, Ariz. — September is National Preparedness Month and serves as a reminder that individuals, families, and businesses must prepare, now and throughout the year for emergencies that can affect where we live, work, and visit.

The current devastation of tropical storm Harvey in Texas and parts of the southeastern United States, now making its second landfall, shows that preparedness is the responsibility of everyone; it takes a whole community.

The Valley is not immune to these types of emergencies.

In September 2014, then Arizona Governor Jan Brewer declared a state of emergency after thunderstorms caused record flooding throughout the valley.

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 varies from community to community. What kinds of hazards do Arizona and Glendale have? Extreme high temperatures, 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!

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