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DOG SAVES GLENDALE FAMILY FROM HOUSE FIRE

Glendale, Ariz. — A family's dog was being called a hero early Friday morning after a fire ripped through a Glendale home that did not have working smoke detectors.

Prior to fire crews being dispatched to the home located at 11800 North 60 Avenue, Ace, a Pit Bull-Akita mix, began frantically barking which woke up the residents. Upon waking up, the residents smelled the smoke that had filled up majority of their home. They were able to quickly get themselves out of the house, as well as their two dogs and two cats, through the back door and safely into the backyard. Firefighters found the two adult residents huddled up in the corner of the backyard behind a pool pump.

Glendale Fire investigators are still trying to determine the cause of the blaze.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, almost two-thirds of home fire deaths result from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. Working smoke alarms can double your chance of survival in a house fire. Smoke alarms are inexpensive and are definitely worth the lives they can help save.

Please follow these tips from the Glendale Fire Department to ensure your home is safe:

- Be sure your smoke detectors are working by checking each one on the first day of the month.
- Know what your smoke detector sounds like to ensure that your family will be able to react quickly in case of a fire.
- Replace the battery once each year.
- Install a smoke detector in each sleeping room and at least one in every level of your home.
- Since smoke rises, install them on the ceiling or on the wall 4 to 12 inches from the ceiling.
- In rooms with pitched ceilings, mount the detector at or near the ceiling's highest point.
- Do not install a smoke detector near a window, door or forced air register where drafts could interfere with the unit's operation.
- Develop and practice a home escape plan with two ways out of every room.
- If your smoke detector sounds an alarm – get out of the house quickly and stay out.
- Have a designated meeting place for your family once out of the home.

