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## GLENDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT WELCOMES NEWLY TRAINED PARAMEDICS

**Glendale, Ariz.** —Glendale Fire Department has added a total of 7 newly trained Paramedic to its roster. After six grueling months and over 1,200 hours of hands-on training and classroom lecture, Firefighters Patrick Hourihan, Danny Padilla, Adam Ellis, Jeremy Jacks, Danny Price, Kyle Port and Engineer Jeff Hite graduated from the Glendale Community College Paramedic course just this past week.

Paramedic training provides the necessary skills to stabilize a patient until an emergency room doctor treats them. The intensive schooling focused on: advanced cardiac life support, how to manage patients in traumatic situations, how to administer life-saving drugs, human anatomy/physiology and the necessary skills to administer an I.V. and airway intubation. The newly trained medics had to take a written and practical exam and pass an oral board before being selected for school.

Glendale Fire Department is one of the busiest fire departments in the state and currently answers nearly 40,000 calls for service annually. Glendale Firefighters are cross-trained in both fire suppression and Emergency Medical Technology. They will be assigned to work on one of the Paramedic Ladder or Engine companies that protect the city of Glendale.

These new additions were needed to replace existing vacancies due to promotions and retirements.

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