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SMOKE DETECTORS CREDITED FOR SAVING GLENDALE FAMILY FROM HOUSE FIRE

Glendale, Ariz. — A Glendale family is alive today because of their working smoke detectors.

Prior to fire crews being dispatched to the home located at 6900 West Palmaine on the morning of April 3, 2014, the residents were awoken by their smoke detector sounding. When the residents awoke, they noticed a haze of smoke and smell of burning wood which led them to the laundry room where they saw a fire in the attic through the exhaust fan. The fire had already burned through the plastic vent cover, causing it to fall on the floor and melt into the linoleum tile. The homeowner had just replaced the batteries in the smoke detectors which allowed for a safe escape and confinement of the fire.

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.

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