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SPRINKLERS SAVE LIVES AND PROPERTY

Glendale, Ariz.- Glendale has seen a large amount of fires controlled by sprinklers. In the past few weeks we have had a multitude of fires that were put out by the sprinkler systems in homes, apartments and businesses alike. Thanks to these systems being tested and working properly not only was property saved but so were lives.

The Fire Marshalls office would like to stress the importance of keeping systems in good working order. They should be tested annually. If these systems are serviced regularly they provide fire protection that is unparalleled. When systems are maintained they are 91% effective. When used in conjunction with hard wired smoke detectors you are 90% less likely to die in a fire. The fire systems are designed to control fires until the fire department arrives. In most cases the fire was almost completely extinguished by the time we arrived. The Glendale Fire Department will always respond to a fire even if the sprinkler system has initially controlled the fire. It is important to allow the Fire Department to assess any fire that was inside a structure. But because we have seen such a large amount of fires that have been controlled effectively by the sprinklers we wanted to remind the public what a valuable tool they really are. NFPA reports that 97% of homes with sprinkler systems contain the fire to the room of origin. Therefore, saving the remainder of the home from damage caused by fire.

The Fire Marshalls Office would like to thank the home and business owners that are taking the extra step to protect their property by installing these sprinkler systems.

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