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THREE GLENDALE FIREFIGHTERS BECOME TECHNICAL RESCUE TECHNICIANS

Glendale, Ariz. — Glendale Firefighters TC Lee, Joe Librandi and Markell Williams have completed specialized training to become members of the fire department's Technical Rescue Team. The newest Technical Rescue Technicians received their certifications on Wednesday, December 21, at the Phoenix Fire Training Academy Special Operations Facility.

The firefighters spent five weeks in training that included 200 hours of classroom and field experience. The addition of three trained technicians brings the Glendale Fire Department Technical Rescue Team to 48 members. All TRT members receive training in rope rescue, tree rescue, structural collapse, trench rescue, confined space rescue and swift water rescue.

The opportunity to certify these Technical Rescue Technicians was possible after the fire department was awarded a grant from the Department of Homeland Security's Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI). There were zero costs incurred by the City of Glendale to train the newest member of the Technical Rescue Team.

Each year there are dozens of technical rescue responses in Glendale and the surrounding region. The Technical Rescue Team, assigned to fire station 159, located at 17159 North 63 Avenue, could be utilized to assist with incidents involving stranded hikers; victims stuck in an overflowing wash or a canal, or victims trapped in a collapsed building.

For more information regarding Glendale Fire Department's Special Operations units, please visit <http://www.glendaleaz.com/fire/SpecialOps.cfm>

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