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GLENDALE FIRE CREW SAVES A THIRD DROWNING VICTIM

Glendale, Ariz.- The crew from Ladder 157 ran a third call for a drowning this year. Incredibly all three patients have made full recoveries from their near drownings. The third call came in just this last Sunday night around 8pm. The crew was staged on the street for an unrelated call when they were unexpectedly thrust into action for an unresponsive 2-year-old found in the family pool. The crew knew exactly what to do having been trained extensively on drownings, but also having saved two other children earlier this year. Thanks to the fast action of a Glendale police officer, and the fire and ambulance crews, this two-year-old girl is expected to be released from the hospital this week.

This crew has been involved in two other drownings with similar outcomes. So why are these men having such success? Time! Time that the children have spent under the water and the time it takes the fire crews to get to the location of the victims and begin working on them. It only takes a few seconds to lose track of a child around water, and it only takes a few seconds to have irreversible consequences. Somehow this crew has been at the right place at the right time to make an impact on these victims. All three children have been expected to make full recoveries thanks to these men.

These types of calls do not go without impact on the crews. All of the men have children at home and these calls have an emotional impact. Even if it is a good outcome, at some point they were holding a limp child in their arms. They do anything they can to save these children and they give their all in the moments they are with them. They do this in hopes to go home to their own families safe and sound so that they can hug their children a little tighter. There are no words to express the relief a crew feels when they hear the cries of a child, that just moments before was blue and not breathing. Thankfully this story ended just that way.

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