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## Glendale Police Receive National Victim Services Award

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – In a ceremony held on Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup> in Orlando, Florida, the Glendale Police Department received National recognition by accepting a 2014 Excellence in Victim Services Award from the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP).

In a statement released by the IACP, the Glendale Police Department Victim Assistance Unit was recognized for their unique victim-centered service:

“In April 2014, the Glendale Victim Assistance Unit (VAU) partnered with the Glendale Fire Department Crisis Response Team (CR) with a vision of expanding immediate, specialized crisis intervention services to crime victims in our city.” “By the sharing of specialized training resources; best practices in victim services; and joint personnel, all crime victim needs can be addressed immediately, holistically, and in an ongoing coordinated effort.”

“We’re proud and honored to accept this National honor for our department’s work toward addressing the needs of crime victims in our community. Being the victim of any crime can be a traumatic experience, and our hope is that through our programs such as these, we can work with victim’s towards rebuilding their lives” said Glendale Police Chief Debora Black, who accepted the award with Victim Assistance Coordinator Melissa Brickhouse-Thomas.

The Glendale Police Department works to provide comprehensive services to victims and their families who are affected by crime, to help them regain stability in their lives, and help them exert their rights as a crime victim by providing programs and services through the Glendale Family Advocacy Center.

See photograph below of Chief Debora Black and Melissa Brickhouse-Thomas at the awards ceremony.



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*\*Spanish translation available*

*“The Glendale Police Department’s mission  
is to protect the lives and property of the people we serve.”*

*Glendale Police Department  
a proud recipient of CALEA National Accreditation since 2000*