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Glendale Police Seek Information and Public's Help After Multiple Sahuaro Ranch Park Fires *Updated

GLENDALE, Ariz. – In October, the Glendale Police Department investigated a series of arson fires at Sahuaro Ranch Park. The information has been included below. At that time, no arrest was made or any firm suspects identified. On December 13th and 14th, we again had two small arson fires near the park, this time at the library. The incident on the 13th happened around 9:30 PM, where a news-paper holder was lit on fire. On the 14th, around 12:15 AM, the book drop-off in front of the building was lit on fire. Both incidents appear to be arson fires.

The Glendale Police Department is investigating to determine if there was any criminal behavior involved in these fires. Any citizens with any information that could lead to the identification and arrest of anyone involved would be greatly appreciated. Additional information about any suspicious activity around the park is welcomed. Any small detail could provide valuable information. Please call the Glendale Police Department at 623-930-3000 or Silent Witness at 480-WITNESS.

Pictures of the recent fire have been included below as well as the original press release.



Original Press Release:

Over the last few weeks the Glendale Police Department and the Glendale Fire Department have responded to structure fires at Sahuaro Ranch Park. The park is located at 9800 N. 59th Avenue. The incidents all occurred during the early morning hours, between 2-3 a.m. and happened on September 18th, 23rd and 26th.

We are grateful no one was hurt during any incident and that through the quick actions of the police and fire department that the damage did not spread to other buildings are surrounding areas. City staff, including Parks & Recreation, Risk Management and Building Safety employees, are now working on the process to determine if the buildings can be salvaged and/or restored.

Jon Froke, Historic Preservation Officer for the city, said, “The fire is an unfortunate incident. The barnyard is an important part of Sahuaro Ranch and the history of Glendale.” The city is presently determining restoration costs and options to restore the structures that have been damaged.

The barnyard area is location in the northwest portion of the historic property. The buildings damaged include the dairy barn (built in 1928); the blacksmith/machine shop (circa 1890); the stable/granary (circa 1890 and 1935); and some minimal damage to the scale house (1950s.)

For additional information on Historic Sahuaro Ranch, visit:

www.glendaleaz.com/SRPHA/history.cfm. For more information on the Glendale Historical Society, visit <http://glendalearizonahistoricalsociety.org/>. To contact the Parks & Recreation division, visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation, or call 623-930-2820.

Photographs of the damage has been included.

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