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COUNCILMEMBER IAN HUGH CALLS ATTENTION TO GLENDALE'S FIRE CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM

GLENDALE, Ariz. – Cactus District Councilmember Ian Hugh highlights Glendale's Fire Crisis Response Team as an important community asset and service on the latest "Spotlight on Cactus Corner" with Councilmember Ian Hugh TV show. Councilmember Hugh takes a closer look at the history, current operations and the volunteers involved with the Glendale Crisis Teams. During this episode, Hugh tours the Midwestern University medic facilities and talks with Crisis Intervention Specialist Sara Steffen, Crisis Intervention Specialist Sarah Armbrust and Glendale Fire Human Services Administrator Lynette Pompa.

The Crisis Response Team (CRT) is made up of dedicated volunteers trained by the Glendale Fire Department to assist firefighters, police officers and the citizens of the West Valley during 911 calls. They specialize in being compassionate and professional during a time of need to those experiencing a crisis. Team members have a variety of backgrounds in behavioral health, emergency medicine, victim assistance and crisis intervention. Their main job is to provide immediate crisis intervention and referrals to victims, families and witnesses after a traumatic event, as well as to guide citizens in the right direction for follow-up care.

"I find it very interesting to know that these crisis response volunteers come from all parts of the country to serve our community," said Hugh. "Equally impressive is the total amount of fire crisis response volunteer hours committed to this effort and the great value it brings to Glendale."

Watch "Spotlight on Cactus Corner" with Councilmember Ian Hugh TV show, slated to begin airing Friday, September 7, at 8 p.m., on Glendale 11. The show is a production of city-owned Glendale 11 TV station and airs daily on Glendale 11. It is also available through the city's online video library at www.glendaleaz.com/video.

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