

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
CONTACT: Daniel Valenzuela

December 2, 2009

Glendale Firefighter, PIO. (623) 695-7668

GLENDALE FIREFIGHTERS KICK OFF 8TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY TOY & CLOTHING DRIVE

WHO: Glendale Firefighters

WHAT: 8th Annual Toy and Clothing Drive

WHEN: Saturday, 5th, 12th, 19th, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

WHERE: K-Mart located at 67th Avenue/Bell Road.

WHY: To help hundreds of valley families for the Holidays.

GLENDALE, Ariz. – This Saturday, December 5th, marks the eighth year in a row that Glendale Firefighters will be putting on their Santa hats as they host a clothing and toy drive for children and families in need this Holiday Season.

The Glendale Firefighter's Holiday Toy and Clothing Drives have collected between \$30,000 and \$50,000 in merchandise in each of the last 7 year. Last year, Glendale Firefighters assisted more than 500 families and collected more than \$38,000 worth of new clothing and toys for children and families in need.

The request is that the toys and clothes be new. The items in need include: socks, underwear and jackets (for all ages), plus blankets, pillows and toys. The age group in most need is between the ages of six and 14.

“Many people are quick to give credit to the Glendale Firefighters for these efforts but the credit truly belongs to those who come out to support this event each year,” said Glendale Battalion Chief Gary Benson, organizer of the annual event. “This has been a great way for many families to benefit on behalf of our community and we’re just happy to be a part of it,” Chief Benson added.

For those who cannot make it out to the Glendale Firefighter's Holiday Toy and Clothing Drive at K-Mart, drop off sites have been set-up at all nine Glendale fire stations and the Glendale Fire Marshal's Office. Those locations are:

- * Fire Station #151: 6851 N. 52nd Ave.
- * Fire Station #152: 6850 W. Bethany Home Rd.
- * Fire Station #153: 14061 N. 59th Ave.
- * Fire Station #154: 4439 W. Peoria
- * Fire Station #155: 6255 W. Union Hills
- * Fire Station #156: 6801 W. Deer Valley
- * Fire Station #157: 9658 N. 59th Ave.
- * Fire Station #158: 6261 N. 83rd Ave.
- * Fire Stations #159: 17159 N. 63rd Ave.
- * Glendale Fire Marshal's Office: 5800 W. Glenn Dr. Ste. 350 ###

NEWS
Glendale, az

The Glendale
Fire Dept.
is a nationally
accredited
agency

The Glendale
Fire Dept.
responds to
more than 26,000
calls a year

Glendale
firefighters
remind you to
use supervision
around water

City of Glendale
Public Safety
6835 N. 57th Dr.
Glendale, AZ 85301
www.glendaleaz.com