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WHO: Local 493 Glendale Chapter Firefighters/Valley of the Sun United Way

WHAT: Adopt a Pool Fence Program. Glendale Firefighters and Valley of the Sun United Way volunteers will walk Glendale neighborhoods to offer repair services to existing pool fences and offer a program for a free pool fence to those who do not have one and qualify

WHEN: Saturday 03/27/10, 9AM

WHERE: 9AM meeting place is at Fire Station 151, 6851 N. 52nd Avenue (52nd and Glendale Avenues)

WHY: Drowning is the second leading cause of accidental death for children in Arizona. According to the *Children's Safety Zone*, on average since 2000, 19 children have lost their lives each year in Maricopa County due to drowning incidents.

LENDALE FIREFIGHTERS, VALLEY OF THE SUN UNITED WAY TAKING A PROACTIVE APPROACH TO POOL SAFETY WITH FREE POOL FENCE PROGRAM

LENDALE, Ariz. – With pool season once again in sight

Glendale Firefighters, with the help of the Valley of the Sun United Way, will spend Saturday morning going door to door in a Glendale neighborhood that has been impacted by drowning incidents over the past several years. Firefighters and volunteers will look for qualifying families with unfenced pools to receive a free pool fence. Those with existing pool fences will be able to have their fence inspected and repaired.

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“Drowning incidents are absolutely preventable,” said John Holland, Glendale Fire Captain and Chapter Vice President of Local 493. “Drowning incidents impact everyone involved including the victim and family members but also the firefighters who respond to these emergencies,” Holland continued. “We appreciate the Valley of the Sun United Way for their help in bringing this

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valuable service to the community,” said Captain Holland.

Glendale Fire reminds the community of the ABC’s of Water Safety:

- A= Adult Supervision: Always watch children around water
- B= Barriers: Use properly installed pool fences, pool nets, sliding doors, door locks and other devices to restrict areas of water
- C= Classes: Learn CPR. Everyone should also learn to swim (adults and children)

More safety tips on how to live healthier safer lives can be found on the Glendale Fire

Department website, www.glendaleaz.com/fire

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