



Bulletin from Mayor Elaine Scruggs

Six years ago today, tragic events took place that would forever change the course of history for our nation and the world. For my bulletin this week, I have invited Glendale Fire Chief, Mark Burdick and the Glendale Police Chief, Steve Conrad to provide their commentary about the lasting effects of September 11, 2001.



The tragedy of 9/11, the loss of lives and the number of firefighters and police officers whose heroic efforts are honored, and those whose deaths we mourn, has left a permanent scar on our nation. Who can ever forget where we were on the morning of September 11, 2001? As we pay tribute to and remember those who lost their lives and those whose heroic efforts inspired and continue to inspire us, we must also look forward and realize the many opportunities available and take advantage of those opportunities to make this world a better place. The tragic events of 9/11 have caused Police and Fire Departments across the nation to improve efforts in the area of communication. We have also learned the importance of coordinating our training and working closer together, as our collaborated efforts will only foster a successful outcome. It is my hope that as we remember the horrific tragedies of 9/11, that we remember our legacy of respecting and honoring our diversity and our differences, even as we remember the loved ones, the heroes, and the innocence we lost that day.

*Mark Burdick
Glendale Fire Chief*

September 11th forever changed the face of terrorism not only for every police officer but for every American man, woman and child. Terrorism is no longer the province of the select few and in some foreign venue. It is now personal to us all. This date will for all time mark the awakening of America to the horrors of terrorism. This tragedy has changed the way we do business. Lessons learned from that tragic day have resulted in improved coordination and communications between police and fire departments across the nation. We now spend more time training together and working together because we know that our success is directly dependant upon one another. It is our duty to work together to be vigilant in hopes of preventing future acts of terror and to ensure that we are prepared to deal with any emergency that we are unable to prevent.

*Steve Conrad, Chief of Police
City of Glendale*

Thank you taking the time to read my "Glendale Bulletins". Please contact me at (623) 930-2260 or mayorscruggs@glendaleaz.com, if you have any comments or questions. I strive to provide the most timely information and best possible service to you, the citizens of Glendale. I sincerely appreciate your feedback.

