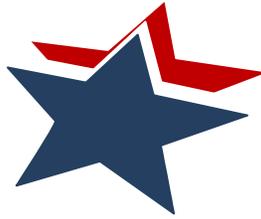


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## **Glendale Fire Department Honored by the State Citizen Corps Council for Youth Preparedness Efforts**

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Phoenix, AZ – When the Arizona State Citizens Corps Council issued a challenge to local Citizen Corps Councils around the state to teach our youth about emergency preparedness and response, the City of Glendale Fire Department’s Community Services Division responded in a big way. Through the efforts of Glendale firefighters, more than 12,200 kindergarten through third grade Glendale elementary students learned about fire and emergency safety. An additional 1,981 Glendale students received age appropriate training on how to perform continuous chest compression cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CCC-CPR).

The challenge, titled “Youth Preparedness Today for Community Resiliency Tomorrow” issued by the State Citizen Corps Council was aimed at bolstering youth emergency preparedness efforts across the state in an effort to build Arizona’s resiliency to any type of disaster in local communities.

The Arizona Department of Homeland Security, in conjunction with the State Citizen Corps Council, would like to congratulate the City of Glendale Fire Department and Citizen Corps Council for their outstanding achievements in youth outreach and involvement and embodying the principles of the Citizen Corps Program. “By going into the schools, the Glendale firefighters are presenting important emergency preparedness and response messages in an academic setting,” said Cheryl Bowen, Community Preparedness Administrator with the Arizona Department of Homeland Security. “This is an important lesson that we know these young people will remember and apply throughout their lives.”

In addition to showing fifth grade students the techniques of CCC-CPR, Glendale firefighters teach younger students how, when and why to dial 9-1-1; the importance of smoke detectors; pedestrian and bicycle safety; how to develop and use a fire escape plan; as well as water safety and what to do in water-related emergencies.

For their efforts in educating and empowering the youth in Glendale schools to prevent and respond in emergency situations, the Glendale Fire Department’s Community Services Division and Citizen Corps Council was recognized at the 2011 Statewide Citizen Corps Council Conference on September 30, 2011.