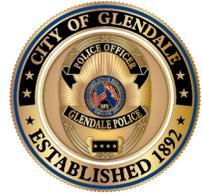




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Glendale Police Officers Rescue Litter of Puppies from Morning Fire

(Glendale, AZ)-Several Glendale police officers are being credited for saving the life of a litter of puppies trapped inside a burning home.

Just before 2AM Monday morning, officers, along with the Glendale Fire Department, responded to a house fire on the 61-hundred block of West Claremont Street. When officers arrived, neighbors told them there was a litter of puppies inside the garage of the burning home. A Glendale police officer used a shovel he found nearby to pry open the garage door in order to rescue the puppies.

Once the garage door was open, the mother of the pups ran out as our officers ran inside to the sounds of squealing puppies. The officers managed to locate seven puppies and used a nearby dog bowl to safely remove the puppies from the burning home. Once the puppies were out, officers managed to wrangle up the mother dog and reunite her with her pups at a neighbor's home.

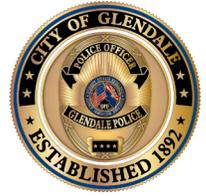
As the Glendale Fire Department battled the fire, those Glendale police officers used a FIDO bag to supply oxygen to one of the pups that suffered from smoke inhalation before getting them to a nearby emergency veterinary clinic. FIDO bags are outfitted with emergency equipment, to include an oxygen mask, to supply pets with oxygen after they have been exposed to heavy smoke. The FIDO bags were donated to the Glendale Fire Department by the Fetch Foundation, a non-profit whose mission is to get a FIDO bag in the hands of every public safety department across the nation.

The Glendale Fire Department recognizes the heroic efforts made by these Glendale police officers but want to stress to the public that re-entering a burning or smoke-filled home is dangerous and can lead to serious injury or even death. This is not recommended for the general public, but instead should be left to public safety professionals to do so in a safe manner. Currently the cause of the fire is unknown. The puppies and their mother were taken to Arizona Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Center, located at 7823 W. Golden Lane in Peoria, where they are still being treated for smoke inhalation. Two other adult dogs were safely confined to the backyard of the home. Three people were displaced in this fire.



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