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## GRANDMOTHER AND FOUR-YEAR-OLD GRANDDAUGHTER CREDITED WITH SAVING EACH OTHER'S LIVES DURING BEE ATTACK TO RECEIVE LIFESAVING AWARDS

- WHO:** The Glendale Fire and Police Departments and lifesaving award recipients four-year-old Whitney Chrisman and her grandmother, Betty Gerard.
- WHAT:** Press Conference to acknowledge the quick actions and lifesaving efforts of four-year-old Whitney Chrisman and her grandmother, Betty Gerard and to celebrate the continued recovery of bee attack victim Betty Gerard.
- WHERE:** Glendale Fire Station 151  
6851 N. 52nd Avenue  
Glendale, AZ 85301
- WHEN:** Tuesday, October 2, 2012  
12 p.m.
- WHY:** On Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at approximately 9:00 a.m., 78-year-old Betty Gerard was outside of her residence when a swarm of Africanized bees started to attack her. Gerard's four-year-old granddaughter came to see what was going on when Ms. Gerard helped Whitney get back inside the home and covered her with a blanket to keep her from getting stung. Whitney then used her grandmother's Life Alert system to call for help. Ms. Gerard's actions as well as Whitney's saved each other's lives and the fact that Whitney is only four years old makes her actions even more valiant. Ms. Gerard and Whitney will be recognized for life-saving efforts by the Glendale Fire and Police Departments as heroes.
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