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## **FIREFIGHTERS REMIND RESIDENTS ABOUT DANGERS OF HOARDING AFTER RECENT FIRE**

**Glendale, Ariz.** — On Thanksgiving afternoon, firefighters were dispatched to a mobile home fire at 8400 North 67 avenue.

When firefighters arrived on scene, they quickly realized the home was packed with items from floor to ceiling and all doors and windows were blocked. The items in the home included newspapers, magazines, personal papers, clothing, furniture, appliances, boxes and trash.

The walls of the mobile home had to be removed from the outside for firefighters to fully extinguish the blaze.

Two dogs were saved from the fire.

Glendale Fire Investigators are classifying the cause of the fire as undetermined at this time.

Firefighters want to remind residents about the dangers of hoarding items, which include:

- Increased risk of fire due to the accumulation of combustibles such as papers, clothing and rubbish poses a severe fire hazard.
- Blocked escape from fire due to the exits, hallways, windows and doors being obstructed by debris.
- Extreme risk to emergency response personnel
- Risk of structural damage due to the weight of the items being hoarded
- Risk of injury or death due to being trapped under falling debris
- Risk of disease, injury or infestation by insects or rodents

For more information regarding hoarders or to help someone you believe is a hoarder, please contact the Glendale Fire Department at 623-930-4400.

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