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GLENDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT JOINS LUKE AIR FORCE BASE IN ONE-OF-A KIND-COOPERATIVE

GLENDALE, AZ. – The Glendale Fire Department will join forces with Luke Air Force Base to provide enhanced fire and advanced life support protection for the far west area of Glendale. Glendale firefighters/paramedics will train at Luke Air Force Base on Monday and Tuesday, December 5-6, 2011.

WHO: Glendale Fire Department and Luke Air Force Base

WHAT: The Glendale Fire Department will join Luke Air Force Base in providing enhanced fire and life safety protection for Luke AFB and far West Glendale. The two agencies will begin a pilot program in which the Glendale Fire Department will provide a fire truck and two trained paramedics at the Luke Air Force Fire Station 362 in order to provide advanced emergency medical services to the area. This is a win/win arrangement and one that is grant funded thanks to the Governor's Office of Economic Recovery, Public Safety Stabilization Program.

WHEN: Training will take place on December 5-6th with visual opportunities for media on Tuesday, Dec. 6th. Also, join the Glendale Fire Chief for a meet and greet on Tuesday, Dec. 6th at 9:30am at Luke AFB.

WHERE: Luke Air Force Base, Glendale, AZ.

WHY: Luke Air Force Base is located in a remote part of Glendale where the closest Glendale fire station is miles away. Luke has its own fire department and they respond in the area; however, by partnering, Glendale Fire Department will provide firefighter/paramedics who have training in advanced life support for enhanced protection and improved response time at Luke Air Force Base and in far West Glendale.

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Background: The Glendale City Council recently approved a proposal allowing for a partnership between the Glendale Fire Department and Luke Air Force Base. This program, funded by a grant from the Governor's Office of Economic Recovery, Public Safety Stabilization Program, will provide Glendale firefighters/paramedics and a fire truck at the Luke Air Force fire station for 40 hours each week during peak call times. This is a pilot program set to last 6 months. This is a one of a kind program, and a great opportunity to better serve both Luke Air Force Base and the residents of West Glendale with enhanced fire and advanced emergency medical service.

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