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**GLENDALE AND PEORIA FIRE TO HOST FEMA K-9 URBAN SEARCH & RESCUE WORKSHOP AT GLENDALE REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER**

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – The Glendale and Peoria Fire Departments have partnered to host a dynamic Urban Search and Rescue Workshop focusing on the use of Disaster Dogs in the technical rescue setting on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Glendale Regional Public Safety Training Center.

**WHO:** Glendale and Peoria Fire Departments

**WHAT:** Inaugural Urban Search and Rescue K-9 workshop

**WHEN:** Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8am-5pm – **MEDIA WELCOME**

**WHERE:** Glendale Regional Public Safety Training Center (GRPSTC) 11550 W. Glendale Ave., Glendale, Arizona 85307

**CONTACT:** Glendale Deputy Chief Tim Wayne (**602-510-0671**) or Deputy Chief Rick Picard (**602-809-0369**)

**Background:** Join FEMA Urban Search & Rescue/Arizona K-9 Specialists at this 2-day action packed seminar specializing in technical rescue and search techniques. Training will focus on:

- Search and Alert of Urban Search & Rescue K-9s in a variety of urban technical rescue environments
- Helicopter Operations
- Use of K-9s in Below Ground Void Environments and Rescue methods
- High Angle Rope K-9 Deployment and Search
- K-9 Search Environment Exposure

Canine Search Specialists from around the country will assemble at the Training Center both days. Live victim searches will be conducted in below ground, high-rise and debris field environments. This is a first for FEMA US&R Canine Search Specialist Teams. National and International Disasters create a variety of hostile environments that Search Teams and their Dogs must navigate through. This training will offer real life experience in a controlled setting to provide teams the experience of the hostile environment in a safe and controllable way.

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