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GLENDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT TEEN C.E.R.T CLASS A SUCCESS

Glendale, Ariz. — The Glendale Fire Department hosted a basic Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training program October 19-21 for teens. All classes were held at the Glendale Regional Public Safety Training Center (GRPSTC) located at 11550 W. Glendale Ave. in Glendale. Anyone from Glendale or the surrounding area aged 12 to 18 was eligible to attend the training program. The class was filled to capacity at 20 participants with perfect attendance every day.

When a major disaster affects a city, those who provide fire and medical services will not be able to help all of those in need. During CERT training, students were taught the fundamentals needed to survive during a disaster. These invaluable tools not only gave them the knowledge to help their family but also how to help their community during a disaster situation. The basic CERT curriculum consisted of Disaster Preparedness, Fire Safety, Medical Operations, Search and Rescue, and Terrorism as well as hands on training and simulations.

Abrahm Coury, 14, a freshman at Ironwood High School and a Boy Scout, used the Teen C.E.R.T. class as a service project to fulfill the necessary requirements to become an Eagle Scout. Eagle Scout is the highest attainable rank in the Boy Scouts. Abrahm spent hours recruiting all 20 students as well conducting different fundraising projects to buy meals, snacks and drinks for all instructors and students. Abrahm also took on the responsibility of finding victims for all mock disasters, as well as acting as a class instructor and mentoring the C.E.R.T. students. Abrahm was a graduate of Glendale Fire's most recent adult C.E.R.T class.

For info regarding C.E.R.T. classes, please visit <http://www.glendaleaz.com/education/CERT.cfm>.