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GLENDALE MAYOR ANNOUNCES COORDINATED PUBLIC SAFETY EFFORT FOR 2016 COLLEGE FOOTBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Public Reminded: "If You See Something, Say Something."

GLENDALE, Ariz. – Glendale Mayor Jerry P. Weiers today announced that fans attending the 2016 College Football National Championship can expect a high level of cooperation and coordination to ensure public safety during a series of valley events, culminating with the game itself to be held at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale on January 11, 2016.

Mayor Weiers was joined at today's news conference by representatives of local, state, and federal agencies, to present an overview of their combined efforts. For many weeks, the various agencies have joined together in Resource Working Groups (RWG), meeting with experts in fields that include cyber-crime, critical infrastructure protection, public health, intelligence gathering, interoperability and transportation. Their singular focus: to provide the public with a safe, welcoming, and enjoyable experience at the College Football Playoff's ultimate event and surrounding activities.

"The city of Glendale has established itself as a premier sports destination for tourists from around the world, and we welcome these Division I teams, players and fans to our community with open arms and invite them to take in Westgate Entertainment District, Historic Downtown Glendale and all that the valley has to offer," Mayor Weiers stated. "Our number one priority is the safety of everyone coming to enjoy this national championship game, and we have an incredible team dedicated to those public safety measures – a team that has demonstrated time and time again what it takes to successfully host an event of this caliber. Our partners in Phoenix and across the Valley are united in this effort to provide a fan experience unlike any other."

The national championship game caps the College Football Playoff (CFP) and is the culmination of the 2015-16 bowl season. A committee of 13 athletic directors and other leaders select teams from the five major NCAA conferences to play in bracketed semi-finals. The top two finishers then compete for the national championship.

Although Glendale has played host to two Super Bowls and two BCS (Bowl Championship Series) championships, this is the city's first CFP. The City of Phoenix will host a variety of signature fan events in the days leading up to the game including College Football Playoff Fan Central held at the Phoenix Convention Center Jan. 8 – 10, 2016.

For more information about the CFP, please visit www.collegefootballplayoff.com and www.visitglendale.com/gotgame. To learn more about the City of Phoenix, please visit www.phoenix.gov. For more information about the City of Glendale, please visit www.glendaleaz.com.

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