



NEWS RELEASE

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TFD RESPONDS TO SECOND DROWNING OF THE YEAR

DISPATCH TIME: 2:25 P.M.
ON SCENE TIME: 2:28 P.M.
TRANSPORTED TO HOSPITAL: 2:32 P.M.
ARRIVAL AT HOSPITAL: 2:42 P.M.

Tucson Fire units responded to an apartment complex in the 300 block of East Mohave Road to reports of a near drowning involving an approximate five year-old male. Extensive resuscitative efforts were undertaken on scene and at the hospital but unfortunately the child passed away at the hospital. This was the second drowning of the year in the City of Tucson. The child was found in a gated swimming pool at the apartment complex. A bystander walking his dog noticed the boy in the pool after his dog barked in the direction of the pool. The bystander pulled the unresponsive boy out of the swimming pool and started performing CPR as he yelled for someone to call 9-1-1. TFD personnel arrived on scene and immediately assessed the child then quickly transported the child to the hospital. The child, later confirmed to be a four year-old male, was pronounced dead at the hospital after all resuscitative efforts were unsuccessful. The Tucson Police Department is handling the investigation as to how the child was able to gain access to the pool area and also notifications of next of kin.

Safety Message: Safety Message: Drowning is the #1 cause of unintentional death for children ages one to four years of age. Drowning is called the “silent killer” because there are no cries for help. Living the ABC’s of pool safety is imperative to prevent a near drowning or worse, a drowning.

A is Active Adult Supervision is the first and most important part. Watch children at all times around water.

B is Barriers. Have a fence that encloses the pool or spa and make sure the gates are self-closing and self-latching.

C is Classes. CPR for Adults and age appropriate swim lessons for the children. Knowing CPR enables the parent to be a first responder.

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