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### **TUCSON FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDS TO NEAR DROWNING ON THE EASTSIDE**

Dispatch- 10:45 P.M.  
On-Scene- 10:50 P.M  
At Hospital- 11:00 PM

Tucson Fire units responded to the area of Tanque Verde and Wilmot Road at approximately 10:45 p.m. for a near drowning involving a 1 year-old. When the first fire crew arrived CPR was being administered by a Tucson Police officer. Tucson Fire Paramedics arrived on scene and immediately transported the child to the hospital for further medical care.

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, this 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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