

# Police, fire hockey game benefits charity

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Police officers and firefighters from across the Valley traded in their uniforms for hockey sticks Jan. 31 to support a charity close to their hearts. Proceeds from the inaugural police vs. firefighter in-line hockey game were donated to the 100 Club of Arizona, a fund for the families of badly injured and fallen police officers and firefighters. "They will be taken care of," said firefighter Kyle Brayer, who helped organize the event.

The servicemen battled at the Barney Family Sports Complex. It opened in December after serving as a family owned farm for nearly 60 years. The facility stands as a symbol of the legacy of Barney Farms and the family's commitment to the community over the last 60 years. "We enjoy hosting charitable events that have a positive effect on the community around us," said Ron Day, complex facilitator.

The business donated the rink time for the game to support the community and the 100 Club.

"We feel that we have been blessed that we are able to support a cause," said Mr. Day. "People like firefighters and policemen have given us so much."

Spectators and players left The Barn winners Saturday, but the Firefighters have the trophy and the 10-7 victory to prove it. Most

played on their day off or after a shift and still emerged from the locker room content. "We're raising money and we get to play some hockey," said Mr. Brayer. "We all love playing hockey."

The players signed commemorative jerseys that will be framed and hung at The Barn. A trophy will accompany the blue firefighter jersey, but it will be up for grabs with the second annual game already in the works.

The Barn and servicemen will partner to continue the event next year. Mr. Brayer wants to continue to involve the community more and more. Next year, plans include a fire truck and a squad

car for kids to explore. "I hope that we can get the word out to more people for next year so we can continue to have a positive effect on the community," said Mr. Day.

Visit the 100 Club of Arizona Web site at [www.100club.org](http://www.100club.org). Check out The Barn online at [www.thebfsc.com](http://www.thebfsc.com).

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**Police officers and firefighters play a charity hockey game in Queen Creek.**

