

MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Children's System of Care

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Richard J. Burton, M.D., M.P.H.
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DATE: March 22, 2011

SUBJECT: Designation of Fire Stations as Newborn Safe Surrender Sites in Placer County

ACTION REQUESTED:

Adopt a Resolution to re-designate certain fire stations as Newborn Safe Surrender Sites within Placer County and to add Squaw Valley Fire Department to this designation.

BACKGROUND:

The Safely Surrendered Baby Act was signed into law by Governor Gray Davis in September 2000 and went into effect on January 1, 2001. The purpose of the law is to protect infants from harm or death when they are abandoned. The law allows a parent or legal guardian to confidentially surrender an infant, three days old or younger, to any public or private hospital emergency room, or other locations designated by the County. As long as the baby has not been abused or neglected, the person may surrender the baby without fear of arrest or prosecution for child abandonment.

The Placer County Fire Chiefs are proponents of a coordinated effort to create an effective program of safe haven sites. This re-designation will bring to 21 the number of designated fire stations. A coordinated implementation facilitates public educational outreach and reduces confusion regarding fire department participation. Parents and legal guardians will be able to leave infants with fire personnel at any of the designated fire stations in the County. Staff will provide a medical questionnaire and information about the program to the surrendering guardian.

On June 13, 2006, the Board adopted the original resolution designating certain fire stations in Placer County as Newborn Safe Surrender Sites. At the request of the Squaw Valley Fire Department, this re-designation adds one new site, the Squaw Valley Fire Department, to the countywide list.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This action has no fiscal impact to the County General Fund.

Attachments

Resolution and List of Designated Fire Stations

**Before the Board of Supervisors
County of Placer, State of California**

In the matter of:

Designating Fire Stations as Safely
Surrendered Baby Sites within Placer County

Resolution No: _____

Ord. No.: _____

First Reading: _____

The following Resolution was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held _____ by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest: _____

Clerk of said Board

WHEREAS each year across the country unwanted babies are abandoned and left to die; and

WHEREAS the California Safely Surrendered Baby law contained in California Health and Safety Code Section 1255.7 was signed into law by Governor Gray Davis in September of 2000 and specifies that the County Board of Supervisors may designate locations as newborn "safe surrender sites"; and

WHEREAS the purpose of this law is to allow a parent or legal guardian to bring an unwanted baby to a safe surrender site without fear of prosecution for child abandonment; and

WHEREAS, as of January, 2011, 325 babies have been safely surrendered in the State of California since the passage of the California Safely Surrendered Baby Law; and

WHEREAS the Placer County Emergency Medical Committee and the Placer County Fire Chiefs believe that the proposed list of designated Fire Stations are appropriate locations for such safe surrender sites, being staffed 24 hours a day/7 days a week;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Placer County hereby designates as Newborn Safe Surrender Sites, in accordance with Health and Safety Code Section 1255.7, the fire stations attached hereto, and directs each respective Fire Chief to ensure their site is in compliance with Health and Safety Code Section 1255.7 and to post the State-wide "safe haven" logo previously adopted by the California Department of Social Services.

List of Designated Fire Stations for the Surrender of Newborn Babies within Placer County

Station 1 - Roseville Fire	401 Oak Street	Roseville, CA 95678
Station 2 - Roseville Fire	1398 Junction Boulevard	Roseville, CA 95747
Station 3 - Roseville Fire	1300 Cirby Way	Roseville, CA 95661
Station 4 - Roseville Fire	1900 Eureka Road	Roseville, CA 95661
Station 5 - Roseville Fire	1565 Pleasant Grove Boulevard	Roseville, CA 95747
Station 6 - Roseville Fire	1430 E. Roseville Parkway	Roseville, CA 95661
Station 8 - Roseville Fire	1020 Winding Creek Way, Ste 150	Roseville, CA 95747
Station 2 - Auburn Fire	226 Sacramento Street	Auburn, CA 95603
Station 10 - CalFire/PCF	13760 Lincoln Way	Auburn, CA 95603
Station 30 - CalFire/PCF	24020 Fowler Road	Colfax, CA 95713
Station 33 - CalFire/PCF	3333 Alta Forestry Road	Alta, CA 95701
Station 70 - CalFire/PCF	301 Oak Tree Lane	Lincoln, CA 95648
Station 77 - CalFire/PCF	1300 Athens Ave	Lincoln, CA 95648
Station 100 - CalFire/PCF	8350 Cook Riolo Road	Roseville, CA 95747
Station 180 - CalFire/PCF	11645 Atwood Road	Auburn, CA 95603
Station 182 - CalFire/PCF	9405 Wise Road	Auburn, CA 95603
Station 38 – Penryn Fire	7206 Church Street	Penryn, CA 95663
Station 86 – Placer Hills Fire	100 West Weimar Crossroads	Weimar, CA 95736
Station 84 – Placer Hills Fire	16999 Placer Hills Road	Meadow Vista, CA 95722
Station 88 - Foresthill Fire	5981 Gold Street	Foresthill, CA 95631
Station 21 – Squaw Valley Fire	305 Squaw Valley Road	Squaw Valley, CA 96146

CalFire/PCF = California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection/Placer County Fire

