

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

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeffrey S. Brown, M.P.H., M.S.W., Director of Health and Human Services
Richard S. Knecht, Director, Children's System of Care

DATE: September 23, 2014

SUBJECT: Resolution to re-designate certain fire stations as Newborn Safe Surrender Sites within Placer County.

ACTION REQUESTED:

1. Adopt a Resolution to re-designate certain fire stations as Newborn Safe Surrender Sites within Placer County.

BACKGROUND:

The Safely Surrendered Baby Act of 2001 is designed 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 Children's System of Care provides collaborative facilitation and technical assistance to agencies desirous of participating in the state's Safely Surrendered Baby program. The Placer County Fire Chiefs are proponents of a coordinated effort to create an effective program of safe haven sites. This re-designation will result in a total of 31 designated fire stations. A coordinated implementation facilitates public outreach and reduces confusion regarding fire department participation. Parents and legal guardians will be able to leave infants with fire personnel at any of these designated fire stations in the County. Fire personnel 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. This re-designation adds 11 new sites to the County approved list, and provides additional geographic accessibility to county residents.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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

Attachment: Resolution
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 August, 2014, approximately 240 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 would be 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 requests that each respective Fire Chief 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

September 23, 2014

Station 2 – Auburn Fire	226 Sacramento Street	Auburn, CA 95603
Station 10 – Auburn Fire	13760 Lincoln Way	Auburn, CA 95603
Station 88 – Foresthill Fire	5981 Gold Street	Foresthill, CA 95631
Station 90 – Foresthill Fire	20540 Foresthill Road	Foresthill, CA 95631
Station 34 – Lincoln Fire	126 Joiner Parkway	Lincoln, CA 95648
Station 35 – Lincoln Fire	2525 E. Joiner Parkway	Lincoln, CA 95648
Station 51 – North Tahoe Fire	222 Fairway Drive	Tahoe City, CA 96145
Station 31 – Northstar Fire	910 Northstar Drive	Northstar, CA 96161
Station 30 – PCF/CDF	24020 Fowler Road	Colfax, CA 95713
Station 33 – PCF/CDF	3333 Alta Forestry Road	Alta, CA 95701
Station 70 – PCF/CDF	1112 Wise Road	Lincoln, CA 95648
Station 77 – PCF/CDF	1300 Athens Road	Lincoln, CA 95648
Station 100 – PCF/CDF	8350 Cook Riolo Road	Roseville, CA 95747
Station 180 – PCF/CDF	11645 Atwood Road	Auburn, CA 95603
Station 182 – PCF/CDF	9305 Wise Road	Auburn, CA 95603
Station 38 – Penryn Fire	7206 Church Street	Penryn, CA 95663
Station 84 – Placer Hills Fire	16999 Placer Hills Road	Meadow Vista, CA 95722
Station 86 – Placer Hills Fire	100 West Weimar Crossroads	Weimar, CA 95736
Station 23 – Rocklin Fire	4060 Rocklin Road	Rocklin, CA 95765
Station 24 – Rocklin Fire	3401 Crest Drive	Rocklin, CA 95765
Station 25 – Rocklin Fire	2001 Wildcat Boulevard	Rocklin, CA 95765
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 7 – Roseville Fire	911 Highland Pointe Drive	Roseville, CA 9567

Station 9 – Roseville Fire	2451 Hayden Parkway	Roseville, CA 95747
Station 17 – South Placer Fire	6900 Eureka Road	Granite Bay, CA 95746
Station 21 – Squaw Valley Fire	305 Squaw Valley Road	Squaw Valley, CA 96146

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