

# EL DORADO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

## STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE

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### ARTICLE 3: EMERGENCY PROCEDURES AND OPERATIONS

EFFECTIVE DATE: 03-03-2005

### SECTION 14: SAFELY SURRENDERED BABIES

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- 3.14.1 **PURPOSE:** To provide current procedures for accepting an infant brought to a fire station under the "Safely Surrendered Baby Law" (SB-1368)
- 3.14.2 **RESPONSIBILITY:** All personnel.
- 3.14.3 **PROCEDURE:** Should a person attempt to abandon an infant at any fire station, follow the steps below:
- 3.14.3.1 Treat mother and child with respect, dignity and compassion.
  - 3.14.3.2 Notify Camino to issue an incident number as a "walk in medical aid" call.
  - 3.14.3.3 Have a medic unit dispatched to transport the infant to Marshall ER, unless medical necessity requires closest facility.
  - 3.14.3.4. If there is suspected abuse, follow CPS guidelines.
  - 3.14.3.5** Encourage the person leaving the infant to fill out the Family Medical History Questionnaire and give it to the company officer. If the person wishes to fill it out later, encourage them to complete it at their earliest convenience and mail it back to the District in the pre-paid, self addressed envelope, provided to them by the receiving crew. **It is extremely important to the long term care of the infant to have the medical history form completed.**
  - 3.14.3.6 Refer to the Parent/Adult Responsibility Form and give a copy to the responsible adult.
  - 3.14.3.7 A bracelet will be attached to the wrist or the leg of the child. Write the incident number and date on the bracelet. A matching bracelet will be given to the responsible adult (preferably the mother) leaving the infant. These bracelets will link the mother to the child in the event the mother wishes to reunite with the child before the 14-day "cooling off" period.
  - 3.14.3.8 If the parents want to reclaim the baby or get information on the status of the baby, they can call El Dorado County CPS, 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week at # **530-642-7100**.
  - 3.14.3.9 The medic crew shall leave a copy (when able) of the Family Medical History Questionnaire with the staff at the receiving facility in addition to the patient care report.