

**JEFFERSON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #1
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES**

SOG 406

SAFE SURRENDER OF NEWBORN/INFANTS

I. PURPOSE

- A. To define action to be taken if an infant is surrendered at a Jefferson County Fire District #1 Fire Station

II. SCOPE

- A. These standards apply to all personnel of the District.

III. AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

- A. Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS), Chapter 597, Section 1 and Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR), 413-0030-0140 through 413-0030-0165.
- B. Effective January 1, 2002, parents can leave an infant with medical personnel at specified facilities, which include fire stations. The infant can be surrendered in the physical custody of medical personnel, be no more than 30 days old, and have no evidence of physical abuse.
- C. It will be the responsibility of the Chief and the officers to insure that these guidelines are followed.

IV. STANDARDS

- A. If an infant is left at any facility, it must be received into the custody of a “medical professional”.
- B. Determine to the best of you ability that the infant is under 30 days old and there is no evidence of abuse. The parent is not **required** to provide any identifying information about the infant or the parent. The use of universal precautions with personal protective equipment is required.
- C. The Duty Officer shall be notified by the individual receiving the infant.
- D. The Jefferson County 911 Dispatch must be notified within 24 hours from the time the infant is received; the number is: 475-2201. They will make contact with the intake person for child welfare to pickup the infant.
- E. A pre-hospital care report shall be completed with as much information as possible. If information can be obtained from the parent it should be transcribed on the form.
- F. Document the name and affiliation of the person retrieving the infant from the station.

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