

CITY OF BEND FIRE & RESCUE
POLICY, PROCEDURE, AND INSTRUCTION

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SECTION: Emergency Medical Services

TITLE: Safe Place for Newborn Drop-Off

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A. POLICY

- 1) To set forth a procedure to provide a safe environment and appropriate care in the event of an infant being surrendered into the physical custody of Bend Fire & Rescue (BF&R).

B. B. PROCEDURE

- 1) BF&R will accept a newborn in the event a parent surrenders the infant with on-duty Fire & Rescue personnel in accordance to Senate Bill 199.
- 2) The parent may surrender an infant in the physical custody of BF&R personnel without facing criminal charges providing the infant:
 - Is 60 days of age or younger as determined to a reasonable degree of medical certainty.
 - Has no apparent evidence of abuse.
- 3) A parent surrendering an infant under these criteria is not required to provide any identifying information about the infant or the parent.
- 4) If an infant is surrendered without meeting these criteria notify local law enforcement and the local CHS Child Welfare Office immediately.

C. C. INSTRUCTION

- 1) If a parent chooses to surrender an infant into the physical custody of BF&R the on duty crew will:
 - Retrieve the newborn drop off packet from the operational office and attempt to deliver and inform the parent of packet contents.
 - Attempt to have the medical and genetic history form filled out prior to the parent leaving.
 - Notify dispatch to inform them of a walk-in patient.
 - Notify the Battalion Chief of situation.
 - Notify CHS County Child Welfare office that you are transporting a surrendered infant to SCMC for evaluation. Request CHS to meet crew at SCMC.
 - Notify SCMC as soon as possible of situation.

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- Evaluate and transport infant to SCMC for further evaluation.
 - Instruct SCMC to bill BF&R for the ER evaluation.
 - Placing the infant in care of SCMC will allow the crew to get back into service and will allow the infant to be evaluated for abuse or sickness.
 - Complete all appropriate paperwork including; Safe Place for Newborn Report Form, and an EPCR.
- 2) Direct all inquiries regarding a surrendered newborn to the local CHS Child Welfare.