

ADOPTED:

REVISED:

**PURPOSE:**

To define the actions that need to be taken if an infant is left at one of the Jefferson Fire District stations. As of January 1, 2002, due to Oregon Revised Statute Chapter 597 Section I and Oregon Administrative Rule Chapter 413 Division 0030 Section 0140-0165, individuals will now be able to leave an infant with medical personnel at facilities including fire stations. The stipulations are that the infant be left in the physical custody of medical personnel, be no more than 30 days old and that there is no evidence of physical abuse.

**A. PROCEDURE:**

1. If an infant is left, it must be left in the physical custody of a "medical professional," in other words they cannot just be left at the door.
2. It must be ascertained that the infant is of the right age (30 days or younger) and there is no evidence of abuse. The parent leaving the infant is not required to provide any identifying information about the infant or the parent.
3. Notify the Duty Officer and take your company out of service. If at Station in Millersburg, Talbot or no medical crew at station Jefferson a medic unit has to be dispatched to your location to evaluate the infant. You will be placed back in service at the discretion of the Duty Officer.
4. The Duty Officer needs to notify dispatch and have law enforcement respond.
5. The State Office for Services to Children and Families must be notified that an infant has been left within 24 hours. Notify them through dispatch.
6. A patient care report form should be filled out with as much information as possible. The parent is not "required" to give any identifying information regarding the infant or themselves, but as much information as possible should be gathered. Important information would be: birth date, feeding routines, illnesses, birth complications, weight gain or loss, prenatal care, full term or not, etc. A full primary and secondary assessment should be performed on the infant and documented on the patient care report.
7. Document the incident on the Patient Care Form and an Incident Report. Be sure to document the name/authority of the person(s) who picked up the infant from your station.