

County of Santa Clara
Board of Supervisors
Supervisory District Four
Supervisor James T. Beall, Jr.



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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: *James T. Beall, Jr.*
James T. Beall, Jr.
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SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution implementing Santa Clara County Central Fire Protection District-owned fire stations as "Safe Surrender" sites.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt the Resolution directing the Fire Chief to implement the Safely Surrendered Baby law at District-owned fire stations throughout the County of Santa Clara in order to allow the safe and confidential release of newborn infants.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There may be some fiscal impact on the Santa Clara County Central Fire Protection District associated with training and education of staff for this action. The actual fiscal impact is unknown at this time.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

On August 3, 2004, the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution designating Santa Clara County Central Fire Protection District fire stations as "Safe Surrender" sites in accordance with Health and Safety Code Section 1255.7, the Safely Surrendered Baby law. The Board designated District fire stations as "Safe Surrender" sites to increase awareness of the law and expand the number of "Safe Surrender" sites within the County.

In order to implement the Safely Surrendered Baby law, the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara County Central Fire Protection District may direct the Fire Chief to comply with the requirements of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law which include; to train and educate staff to take physical custody of a newborn pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 1255.7, and to prominently display the state-approved Safe Surrender logo at fire station "Safe Surrender" sites.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The District-owned fire stations cannot be designated as "Safe Surrender" sites.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Clerk of the Board of Directors for the Santa Clara County Central Fire Protection District will send a copy of the Resolution to the Fire Chief.

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution (Resolution)