

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: FIRE

SUBMITTAL DATE:
August 25, 2005

SUBJECT: Approve Palm Springs Adoption of the Safely Surrender Baby Program

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors approve Palm Springs adoption of the Safely Surrender Baby Program.

BACKGROUND: On March 22, 2005, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Safely Surrender Baby Program (Newborn Abandonment Law, SB 1386). The Board action designated fire stations as infant reception centers for child abandonment. On June 8, 2005, the Palm Springs City Council approved the adoption of this program designating city fire stations as "Safely Surrender Sites". Palm Springs is requesting Riverside County Board of Supervisors approve the City's adoption of the "Safety Surrendered Baby" Program.

Departmental Concurrence

Craig E. Anthony

Craig E. Anthony, County Fire Chief

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$	For Fiscal Year:	FY 05/06

SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:
APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature *Bob Cochran*

- Dept Recomm.: Consent Policy
- Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

Prev. Agn. Ref.: | **District:** 4 | **Agenda Number:**

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City of Palm Springs

Fire Department

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August 10, 2005

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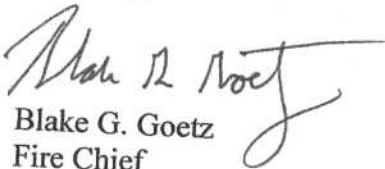
Dear Chief Anthony:

The City of Palm Springs Fire Department is requesting the Riverside County Board of Supervisor's approval to become a participant in the "Safely Surrendered Baby" Program. On June 8, 2005 the City Council approved the adoption of this Program designating City fire stations as "Safe Surrender Sites". (Resolution No. 21281).

In providing this public service, we will offer a safe alternative for parents seeking to relinquish their newborns and reduce the possibility of these infants being placed in solid waste receptacles, exposing them to possible injury or death. All City of Palm Springs Fire Stations are staffed with EMT's who can initiate a medical assessment on the infants, then arrange for ambulance transportation to a hospital emergency room.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (760) 323-8181.

Sincerely,


Blake G. Goetz
Fire Chief

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