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DFD JOINS FORCES WITH CHILDREN'S MEDICAL TO SUPPORT BABY MOSES LAW

Dallas Fire-Rescue has partnered with Children's Medical Center to provide a safety net for newborn infants who otherwise may be abandoned or harmed. The Baby Moses law allows for anyone to give an infant to a fire fighter without fear of questions or punishment. Because of this important law, every DFR fire station has been deemed a "safe haven" where parents may take their newborns up to 60 days old, "no questions asked", and be assured they will be well taken care of. Tragically, prior to the implementation of this program, some parents in a similar situation have simply left their newborns to die. Thanks to this the Baby Moses Law, this NEVER needs to happen. We are pleased to report that a number of newborns have now been safely and confidentially turned over to Dallas fire stations, where firefighters and paramedics evaluated the infant, transport them to Children's Medical Center for careful evaluation and care if needed, then placed with a loving foster family.

We believe that this is an important program that has and will continue to save young lives and ease the burden on parents who cannot care for their infants and who feel there is nowhere else to turn. Dallas Fire-Rescue is always there to ease the crisis, and this effort continues the great tradition of the fire service to enhance public safety and to serve our community.

We are proud of our partnership with Children's Medical Center and our mutual goal of making Dallas the safest City in the United States for infants and adults alike.

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