

ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

MEDIA ADVISORY



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News Conference Scheduled to Urge Changes in Safe Surrender Law

WHEN: Thursday, October 11, 2007, 12:00 noon

WHERE: Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) Headquarters Facility (Firefighter Memorial Area), 1 Fire Authority Road, Irvine. Corner of Jamboree & Tustin Ranch. Thomas Brothers, 830, H-2.

WHAT: Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has a bill on his desk (AB-81/Torrico) which will extend the age that a child may be dropped off at a safe surrender site from three days to seven days. Officials from Orange County will discuss this proposed new law.

SPEAKERS: State Assemblyman Todd Spitzer, State Assemblyman Alberto Torrico, Rancho Santa Margarita City Councilman Neil Blais, and representatives from the Orange County Sheriff and Orange County Social Services Agency have been invited to speak.

BACKGROUND Current law allows a baby, up to three days old, to be surrendered at a designated site, such as a hospital or fire station. Since 2001, at least 200 babies have been safely surrendered in California. There is no criminal liability on a parent who safely surrenders their child. This bill, when signed by Governor Schwarzenegger, would allow parents to surrender a baby up to seven days old.

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