

Standard Operating Procedure	PEORIA FIRE-MEDICAL DEPARTMENT
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PURPOSE

It may be necessary, under some circumstances, for the Fire Department to arrange for temporary foster care for children. This could occur in the case of a fire or any situation that in which parents, relatives or legal guardians are unable to provide care and/or shelter for the children.

In these cases, the on scene Company Officer will request the appropriate Police agency to respond.

Once a Police Officer arrives on the scene, custody of the child/children will be turned over to the Police Department. The appropriate Police agency will arrange for temporary foster care.

In situations where a parent or guardian can be contacted, Company Officers should make every effort to arrange for the parent/guardian to assume physical custody of the child/children within a reasonable time frame.

Approved:



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