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Safe Haven Baby Delivered Christmas Eve

Pueblo (December 27, 2010) A newborn infant boy was surrendered at a Pueblo fire station on Christmas Eve. The baby was delivered at home then taken to the fire station to be relinquished under the Safe Haven law.

Under Colorado's Safe Haven law, a parent can hand over a baby, up to 72 hours old, to an employee at a fire station or hospital, no questions asked. The law is designed to stop infant abandonment. This is the 31st baby to be saved by the law since its enactment in 2000.

Colorado Safe Haven for Newborns is the non-profit agency working to get the word out about the Safe Haven law. They have a 24-hour toll-free hotline anyone can call: 888-510-BABY (888-510-2229). Trained staff will counsel a person in crisis about what to do.

"This mother knew she could take her baby to a safe place where it would be adopted by a loving family," says Colorado Safe Haven for Newborns Executive Director, Linda Prudhomme. "I can't think of a better Christmas gift."

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