

TRURO FIRE RESCUE
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE

S.O.G. #112 MANDATED CHILD ABUSE REPORTING
EFFECTIVE 01-28-98

1.0 PREFACE:

1.1_ In an effort to insure all cases of child abuse, both real and perceived are reported, the following operational procedure shall be followed:

2.0 MANDATED REPORTERS:

2.1 ALL First Responders and Emergency Medical Technicians, B, I or P.

3.0 CIRCUMSTANCES TO REPORT:

3.1 Any child under the age of eighteen who is suffering from serious physical or emotional injury resulting from abuse inflicted upon him or her, including sexual abuse, neglect, malnutrition or who is determined to be physically dependent upon an addictive drug at birth.

4.0 WHEN TO REPORT:

4.1 The person responsible for signing the SARF or in the absence of a SARF, the senior person who was present shall make a verbal report to the **Department of Social Services within twenty four (24) hours of the incident** and follow up with a written report within forty eight (48) hours.

4.2 A copy of this report shall remain with the incident report.

4.3 The Chief of Department shall be notified of all such incidents as soon as possible.

5.0 LIABILITY OF REPORTERS:

5.1 No mandated reporter who believes that a child is suffering from abuse shall be liable in any civil or criminal action for filing a report.

5.2 No privileged information shall prohibit the filing of a report.

6.0 NOTICE OF DETERMINATION:

6.1 Within sixty (60) days of receiving the report, the DSS will notify the person who filed the report in writing, of their determination.

6.2 This report of determination shall be forwarded to the Fire Chief, and a copy placed with the incident report.

7.0 WHO TO NOTIFY:

7.1 Truro Police Department
344 Route Six
Truro, Ma. 487-8730

DSS until 1700 hours - 394-1325-24 Hr1-800-792-5200
Department of Social Services
467B Station Ave. South Yarmouth, Ma.

