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 in which parents, relatives or legal guardians are unable to provide care and/or shelter for the children.

In these cases, Dispatch shall be requested to make contact with the Arizona Department of Economic Security - Protective Services Division. Protective Services will designate the proper location to deliver the children, depending on the circumstances.

The Phoenix Police Department must be advised any time that children are placed with Protective Services. The Police Department can usually provide the needed transportation for the children.