

Newborn Baby Found in Fire Station's "Baby Box"

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Unlocking Word Meanings

Read the following words/expressions found in today's article.

1. **notification** / **ˌnou tə fɪˈkeɪ ʃən** / (n) – anything that provides official information
Example: I received a **notification** via e-mail about the results of the exam.
2. **paternal instinct** / **pəˈtər nl ˈɪn stɪŋkt** / (n) – the tendency or desire to think or act in a fatherly manner
Example: Most men in my family have strong **paternal instincts**.
3. **prosecute** / **ˈprɒs ɪˌkyut** / (v) – to take legal action against someone
Example: The person who started the fire was **prosecuted**.
4. **undergo** / **ˌʌn dəɹˈɡoʊ** / (v) – to experience or go through something
Example: The baby needs to **undergo** heart surgery.
5. **custody** / **ˈkʌs tə di** / (n) – the right to take a child under one's care
Example: The police placed the homeless child under the **custody** of the organization.

Article

Read the text below.

生まれたばかりの子供が消防署に置かれている箱の中で見つかった(fire department : 消防署、newborn baby: 新生児)

A newborn baby was found inside a box at a fire department in Indiana, United States.

ベテランの消防隊員(veteran : 老舗)

食料品店へ向かった時~からのアラームを彼のポケベルを通じて受け取った(pager : ポケベル grocery : 食料品店)

このアラームはお知らせと~の通知と判明した(notification : 通知、公示 turn out : ~が判明する)

One night in April, veteran firefighter Lieutenant /luˈtɛn ənt/ Chuck Kohler was heading to the grocery when he received an alarm from the Coolspring Township Volunteer Fire Department through his pager. The alarm turned out to be a **notification** that there was a baby inside the station's "baby box."

Upon arriving at the station, Kohler heard the cries of a baby. As a father, Kohler explained that his **paternal instincts** pushed him to check if the baby was free from injuries.

~へ到着してすぐ、赤ん坊の泣き声を聞いた

彼の父性本能が彼を押した(push : ~を押す、促す)

怪我が無いかどうかを調べる

Indiana has an existing law that allows a person to leave a baby at medical facilities, police stations, and fire stations without being **prosecuted**. The Indiana Safe Haven Law also does not require parents to provide any personal information as long as the baby shows no signs of abuse.

~の法律が存在する(exis : 存在する)

告訴される事なく子供を~へ残しても良い(許される)(medical facilities : 医療施設 prosecute : 告訴する、起訴する)

法律は親達に~を求めてない(require : 必要とする、~を求める)

子供に虐待されてない事が示している無い限りは(abuse : ~を悪用する、虐待、~を酷使する)

Once found, the babies left in the box will **undergo** medical examinations and necessary treatments. After that, they will be placed under the **custody** of the Indiana Department of Child Services.

一度見つけれれば、~の子供達は、身体検査と必要な治療を受ける(undergo : ~を受ける、経験する medical examination : 身体検査)

彼らは(赤ん坊達は)、~の管理下に置かれる(custody : 管理、保護 under the custody : ~の管理下)

The "baby box" at the fire department was installed two years ago by an organization called Safe Haven Baby Boxes. Aside from having heating and cooling units that help babies adjust to extreme weather conditions, the box can also send a call to 911 when it is opened.

~は2年前に設置された(install : 設置する、導入する)

極端な気象条件に対して子供を調整する(extreme : 極端な)機能を持つ

箱が開けられた時に、911番にコールする機能が有る

It was in November 2017 when this box was first used. At that time, someone left a newborn baby girl. She was named Baby Hope by the firefighters who found her.

このボックスが最初に使用された時

誰かが新生児を残し、彼女は消防署隊員達によって~と名付けられた。

Viewpoint Discussion

Enjoy a discussion with your tutor.

Discussion A

- Do you agree that parents who leave their babies should not be prosecuted? Why or why not?

- Do you think that a law similar to the Indiana Safe Haven Law can be implemented in your country? Why or why not?

Discussion B

- In your country, at what age is it ideal to become a parent? Explain.

- Do you think being a parent is difficult? Why or why not?