

KNOX-BOX RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM

The Drexel Heights Fire District has provided, for a number of years, the Knox-Box Program for new commercial properties. When a newly constructed commercial building is constructed in the fire district we recommended the owner to provide a Knox- Box installed with the appropriate keys to gain entry into their business, after hours. This is especially useful when we encounter false alarms at a business; we can enter the building without destroying the front glass doors and locate the problem and in some cases reset the alarm system.

There have been numerous cases where a District resident asked if we provided, or had readily available, the same type of box for residential use. In the past, we were able to inform a District resident the model type (1650 series). However, the 2009 Authorization Order Form was a little overwhelming or confusing to the customer when filling out the form. The 2009 Authorization Order Form did not list the Model # 1650 Series in its brochure. In fact, we had to contact Knox Box to make sure the series was still available to the customer for residential use. Knox- Box has recently developed the 2009-2010 Residential Knox-Box Authorization Order Form just for residential use only. For as little as \$159.00 plus installation (at your cost) you will have the peace of mind that your local fire department can prevent forced entry damage and enhance response times when you call 911.

When a medical emergency strikes, help is only a call away. However, for those individuals who live alone or who may have special mobility issues, what happens when they can't get to the door to let in the fire department personnel. Unfortunately, we have to make entry breaking the door/ jamb assembly, which in turn is costly to the owner in which we are trying to help. The enhanced Knox-Box Residential Program elevates this problem and is ideal for individuals:

- With a history of medical problems
- Recuperating from a recent hospital stay
- Living alone
- Utilizing an electronic calling/medical alert service
- Seasonal residents
- Family member concerned of a love one who they are taking care of

The Knox-Box is keyed ONLY for the Drexel Heights Fire District's use. No other agency or law enforcement can gain access into the Knox-Box without the proper key. Every key we have is accountable and secured. In almost all cases when the fire department is responding to a 911 call, Pima County Sheriff's Department Deputies are responding as well.

Please stop by our Administration office or call 520-883-4341 during normal business hours Monday thru Friday to get additional information or better yet, get a copy of the Residential Knox-Box Authorization Order Form.