

What is the black box we are seeing on the building? The black boxes you are seeing on the grounds are called a KNOX BOX .



What is a Knox Box? A **Knox Box**, known officially as the **KNOX-BOX Rapid Entry System** is a small, wall-mounted safe that holds building keys for firefighters to retrieve in emergencies.

The Knox-Box Rapid Entry System provides non-destructive emergency access to commercial and residential properties. It provides faster emergency response without forced entry damage. Knox key boxes, vaults and cabinets hold building entrance keys, electronic access cards and vital emergency information. Knox key switches and padlocks also provide fire department access through property gates.

The residential key box provides entry for fire and medical emergencies on residences – single family homes and apartment complexes. It gives the Fire Department fast access to a home when the owner is not there or is unable to answer the door due to illness or disability. Installing a Knox-Box also decreases dependence on neighbors or family members who may have misplaced the house key or may be unavailable when emergency help arrives. There is no waiting for a property owner to unlock the door in the middle of the night and no need to force the door open or break windows to gain entry. It can be mounted permanently near the door or directly on the door. For residential use only, it holds a maximum of two keys.

There are numerous benefits to using a Knox-Box system:

Emergency Medical Services

When you are injured or become critically ill, fire personal can respond quickly, and assist the ambulance personal, without forcing entry, when a KNOX-BOX is installed by your front door. They simply remove the entrance key stored inside, provide medical assistance and re-lock the door when they leave.

Fire/Security Alarm Response

If no one is home and an alarm activates, firefighters and other emergency responders must determine if it is a false alarm or an actual emergency. Without a KNOX-BOX, responders often force entry to determine the answer.

Senior Citizen "LifeLine" Support

Elderly and/or critically ill citizens who depend on medical support services such as LifeLine™, also rely on fast response to calls for emergency aid. Knox-Box key boxes prevent forced entry and additional stress for the patient.

Firefighter Safety

When emergency responders cannot unlock the front door, they search for an alternate means of entry. Sometimes it is difficult to determine which rear window or door to try before forcing entry. If they accidentally enter the wrong apartment, serious injury can result from the surprised occupant.

Are the master keys to the Knox boxes safe?

Yes, the keys the fire department carries are locked in a safe location on the fire apparatus. They are in a Key vault themselves.

For more information call the Nevada Fire Department at 417-448-5105. .