9-1-1 Key Program

About the program

The Knox Box Rapid Entry System provides a secure, rapid entry program specifically developed for the fire department. With one master key, the NFD can gain access to commercial and residential property. More than 9,000 fire departments nationwide use Knox key boxes and vaults.

Property owners in in the community store entrance keys, access cards and floor plans in high-security Knox-Boxes mounted near their building entrances. Each Knox Box purchased by the property owner is keyed to a single Knox Master Key controlled by the Fire Department.

In the past, the Fire Department has either forced entry into a building or waited for a property owner to arrive in the middle of the night to gain entry. The Knox Rapid Entry System reduces response time and property damage.

Is it required?

The City of Nacogdoches has adopted the 2006 International Fire Code. In accordance with the code, all new commercial buildings must have a key box installed. Existing businesses, multi-family dwellings and others are encouraged to install 9-1-1 Key Boxes.

2006 International Fire Code
Section 506 Key Boxes

506.1 Where required. Where access to or within a structure or an area is restricted because of secured openings or where immediate access is necessary for life-saving or fire-fighting purposes, the fire code official is authorized to require a box to be installed in an approved location. The box shall be of an approved type and shall contain keys to gain necessary access as required by the fire code official.

506.1.1 Locks. An approved lock shall be installed on gates or similar barriers when required by the fire code official.

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