



Middleton Rural Fire District

Office of the Fire Marshal

Purpose

The KnoxBox Rapid Entry System allows emergency personnel quick, secure access to commercial and residential properties during an emergency. The purpose of this program is to improve emergency response times, reduce property damage, and ensure firefighter safety.

Who Needs a KnoxBox?

KnoxBoxes are required for the following property types within the Star Fire Protection District:

- Commercial buildings with fire alarm or sprinkler systems
- Gated communities or gated commercial properties
- Gated single family residential structures
- Facilities with restricted access (e.g., schools, churches, warehouses)
- Residential properties with vulnerable occupants (e.g., elderly or disabled residents)
- Any location where emergency access could be delayed.
- As required by the Fire Marshal.

KnoxBox Products Available

- Commercial & Residential
- Residential Home
- Gate Switches & Pad locks
- Protection for Hydrants, FDC and Standpipes
- Remove Power Box

How to Obtain a KnoxBox

There are two approved ways to obtain a KnoxBox for properties within the Star Fire Protection District:

Option 1: Order Through a Trusted Local Partner

You may also purchase your KnoxBox through State Fire DC, an official Knox Trusted Partner:

- Verify model needed with the Fire Marshals Office.
- Contact State Fire DC (208) 232-3640 or (800) 866-3460
- State Fire DC may assist with installation or provide product support
- Ensure your KnoxBox is ordered under Middleton Rural Fire District – ID in the KnoxBox ordering system to allow local fire department access

Option 2: Order Direct from KnoxBox.com

1. Verify model needed with the Fire Marshals Office.
2. Visit www.knoxbox.com
3. Click “Buy” and search for Middleton Rural Fire District – ID
4. Select the appropriate KnoxBox product based on your occupancy type
5. Complete your purchase online
6. Ship directly to your property for installation

Install the KnoxBox

- Mount near the main entrance, 5’-3” above ground level or as approved by Fire Marshal
- Install in a visible, unobstructed, and weather-protected location
- Final placement must be approved by the Fire Marshal



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Schedule a Lock-Up Appointment

Contact the Middleton Rural Fire District Fire Marshal to schedule a time to place keys and access cards into the KnoxBox.

Phone: (208) 585-6650

Email: permits@midstarfire.org

What to Place Inside

Each KnoxBox must contain current and labeled keys/cards for:

- Main entrances and exits
- Fire alarm control panels
- Fire sprinkler riser rooms
- Elevator control rooms (if applicable)
- Electrical and mechanical rooms
- Security gates or doors
- Any additional rooms or systems deemed necessary by the Fire Marshal

Maintenance & Updates

- Ensure keys and access items are up-to-date and functional
- Notify the Fire District immediately if locks or access codes change
- Periodically test the KnoxBox for weathering or corrosion

Compliance & Enforcement

Failure to comply with KnoxBox requirements may result in enforcement action under the 2018 IFC §506 and/or local code, including possible delays in occupancy approval or emergency operations.

Questions?

For further information, assistance selecting a KnoxBox, or to schedule an inspection, contact:

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