

# Knox Homebox Meeting

Our Fire Department and Police Department conducted a Fire and Safety meeting at the clubhouse with representatives of both departments present.

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Below is an overview of the most important things they discussed.

- **Welfare Check** – Notify the police department and they will be glad to do a welfare check at your home if you or your family think there might be a medical issue with someone in the house who doesn't answer the phone.
- **Home Check** – The police department will be glad to ride by your house when you are on vacation or out of town. All you will need to do is notify them to do the check and give them the dates.
- **Smoke Detectors** – The fire department will be glad to come and replace batteries or replace the smoke detector if you have issues with them or if they keep beeping. They ask you call the number **above during working hours so they can check them out.**
- **The gates (NM Estates & NM Place)** have been setup to work together so if there is any kind of issue (road work, electrical problem, etc.), the fire department can open both at the same time and leave them open until the issue is fixed.

- Both gates have a code provided to the Fire and Police Departments as well as 911 so that they can enter either gate in case of an emergency. This has been checked by them to make sure it is operable.
- They discussed that all the cell phones inside the city limits will receive the following warnings.
  - Weather
  - Disaster
  - If we need to leave the neighborhood for a flood, tornado.
  - Electric, Water or Gas issues.

This works the same as when you receive an amber alert. Any phone within the specified radius will receive the message regardless of your area code + the number.

- They also recommended the following items if you have someone with health issues or can't get around very easy.
  - Some type of Medical Alert (iPhone Watch, Medical Guardian, Medical Alert, Life Alert) where you wear a pendant around your neck or your wrist that will call for help if you fall.
  - Also, if you have an iPhone, they recommend that you setup and fill out your Health Details and Medical ID. This way someone can open it on your phone without a password if something happens to you. (However, they did emphasize that they would not be searching your house for your phone. Their first priority is to address the problem at hand.
  - Get a tube like a tennis ball container, label its medical information. Inside the container your contact information, current medications, and any

important information about your health. Place it near the front door in case responders need to come in your house. They can grab it and have all your important information. This is an easy way for them to access your information.

- They also suggested that you purchase a weather radio. These are affordable and easily programmed to alert you to potential dangers related to weather changes. Places like Kroger and CVS sell them at a very cheap price.
- Make sure that at least one of your neighbors has a key to your home. A next-door neighbor or someone in the neighborhood you are close to and make sure that person has current numbers for family members to contact in case of an emergency.
- The HOA Board is currently discussing a form to pass out between the residents where you can list 2-4 others to have your emergency information.

**\*\*\*The most important thing they discussed was the Knox Homebox.\*\*\***

**This is a system that you buy from the fire department, and they can get in your house in case of an emergency instead of breaking down a door or a window. A Knox Homebox is much cheaper than replacing the door and door frame which would cost at least \$500 or a window that would also cost over \$250. Here are just some of the features of a Knox Homebox:**

- Cost \$220 onetime fee.

- Fire Department installs it. It would be installed next to the garage door on the side around the door.
- Only the fire department has a key. Each fire truck has a box with the Knox Box key in the box. Only a few people have the key to each box on a firetruck. The fire department always get to the emergency location before the EMS, and for that reason neither the ambulance nor EMS vehicles have a copy of the key.
- A special report can be printed out showing the time when the box is open, how long it was open and who opened it on the fire truck. This is a safety feature protecting homeowner.
- These are the same type boxes used at the post office, all city municipal buildings and banks.

Below is a flyer talking about the Knox Homebox. Remember you can only go through the fire department to get the Knox Home box because it is setup only by city or county. Call Lawrence Deese who is listed at the top of this document and on the flyer. If you have any questions, you can also contact David White.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: PLEASE DO NOT PURCHASE THE BOX INDIVIDUALLY. THEY MUST BE PURCHASED THROUGH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AS EACH CITY (OR AREA) HAS THEIR OWN CODE AND MUST BE VERIFIED THAT THIS IS A RESIDENCE WITHIN JACKSON COUNTY.**



## KNOX HOMEBOX™

\$191<sup>00</sup> - 219.<sup>00</sup>

Knox HomeBox™ provides homeowners with the same secure rapid access system that currently protects hundreds of thousands of government and commercial properties in over 14,000 fire jurisdictions across North America for over 40 years. When lives, safety and property matter, a Knox HomeBox can make all the difference.



### FEATURES

- ✓ Holds 1 key
- ✓ Weather-resistant

### BENEFITS

- ✓ Allows emergency responders to enter home quickly to provide medical assistance
- ✓ Reduces forced entry property damage
- ✓ Reduces risk of injury to responding personnel
- ✓ Makes re-securing property easier and faster
- ✓ Utilizes same master key system in local municipality
- ✓ One-time purchase that requires no monthly monitoring fee for end-users

### OPTIONS

- ✓ Available in 3 colors: Antique White, Linen, Dove
- ✓ Mounting Options: Wall Mount (with or without faceted backplate) or Door Hanger (standard or security doors)

### ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS

To insure procurement and delivery of the Knox HomeBox, it is suggested that the following specification paragraph be used:

**Dimensions:** 4.2"H x 2.37"W x 2.05"D

**Lock:** UL Listed. Double-action rotating tumblers and hardened steel pins accessed by only emergency responders.

**Finish:** Powder coated for weather resistance

**Color:** Linen, Antique White, Dove

**P/N:** HomeBox 1500 (mfr's cat. ID)

**Mfr's Name:** KNOX COMPANY

### ABOUT KNOX COMPANY

Over forty years ago, a unique concept in rapid access for emergency response was born. The KnoxBox, a high-security key lock box, was designed to provide rapid access for emergency responders to reduce response times and protect property from forced entry.

Today, one revolutionary lock box has grown into a complete system providing rapid access for public safety agencies, industries, military, and property owners across the world. The Knox Company is trusted by over 14,000 fire departments, law enforcement agencies, and governmental entities.

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#### WEIGHT:

Wall Mount (faceted backplate) - 3.90 lbs  
Wall Mount (no backplate) - 3.20 lbs  
Door Hanger (standard door) - 3.50 lbs  
Door Hanger (security door) - 3.55 lbs

#### DIMENSIONS:

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