



The Owasso Fire Department and the Owasso Fire Prevention Association announce the Owasso Senior Citizen **KNOX-BOX®** Program designed to provide **KNOX-BOX®** key safes for senior houses in the Owasso Fire Department response district .

The **KNOX-BOX®** rapid entry system is a secure emergency access program developed for property owners and fire departments. When a fire breaks out or there is a medical emergency, Knox® products allow immediate entry into buildings and property without forced entry damage or delay. Each **KNOX-BOX** purchased for a property in Owasso is keyed to a single master key controlled by the Owasso Fire Department.

The Owasso Senior Citizen **KNOX-BOX®** program is funded by generous donations from Owasso area charitable and civic organizations, and by Churches and private donations. These donations have allowed for the purchase of **KNOX-BOX®** key safes that are available for loan, but remain the possession of the Owasso Fire Prevention Association.

The Owasso Fire Prevention Association (OFPA) is a non-profit organization formed to raise money and solicit donations for the fire prevention and fire prevention education needs of the City of Owasso. The OFPA is made-up of the employees of the City of Owasso fire department. Through the OFPA's efforts, annual fire prevention activities and education supplies are delivered to Owasso school children annually in October, as well as during fire station tours and during public events in Owasso.

The Knox Company has been manufacturing high security key boxes, key vaults, armored cabinets, key switches, padlocks, master key retention devices and locking fire department connection (FDC) caps since 1975. This proven rapid entry system reduces response time, property damages and the liability for lost keys. More than 10,000 first responders and the communities they serve depend on Knox products and services.

The Owasso Senior Citizen **KNOX-BOX®** program is designed to assist seniors who need the services of the Owasso Fire Department, whether it is for fire or medical emergencies. The program is designed to provide a **KNOX-BOX®** key safe that is keyed with the Owasso Fire Department master key. Nearly 100 Owasso businesses and residential complexes have **KNOX-BOX®** key safes in place for fire department access during emergencies.

This program is designed to be used in an emergency situation only. Fire department employees will not access the keys inside the safe for non-emergency situations, even for the owner of the building containing the key safe.

The program is open to all Owasso residents 65 years of age and older. The fire department will install key safe for citizens, and will supply the safes as donations allow. Residents interested in participating in the Owasso Senior Citizen **KNOX-BOX®** Program should complete a request form. For additional information on the Owasso Senior Citizen **KNOX-BOX®** program, or to obtain a request form, or make a donation to the program, please call the Owasso Fire Department at (918) 272-5253 or visit www.cityofowasso.com..

Residential Knox-Box® key boxes protect your family and your property during emergencies.

Emergency Medical Services

When you are injured or become critically ill, paramedics can respond quickly, 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.

Fire Sprinkler System Shut Off

Fire sprinkler protection in single-family homes, apartment complexes and condominiums is becoming more common. Extensive water damage can be prevented when firefighters quickly access the home and determine the cause.

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.

Paramedic and 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.

Gated Communities Access

Quickly getting through the gate and to the resident that called for help is often difficult. With the Knox System, the gate can be opened with a Knox Key Switch and the person in need can be reached by unlocking the front door with an entrance key safely stored in their Residential KNOX-BOX.

About the Knox Company

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