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KNOX BOX

What is a Knox Box you ask? Knox Box is a company that makes special security access equipment. This equipment ranges from padlocks to radio activated key boxes located on fire and EMS apparatus. The type of Knox Box most commonly used is a key box. Key boxes are located at a property, whether commercial or residential and contain keys and sometimes floor plans for the structure.

These key boxes can be accessed by the Fire/EMS Department by using a specially cut key allowing access to the building, in an emergency, without having to wait for a key holder and without destroying any windows or doors. Knox Boxes can save lives and property by allowing quick and secure access.

Who has access to the special Knox Box keys? In Caroline County the Knox Box keys are located in Fire and EMS vehicles, throughout the County, in combination lock boxes. The keys can only be accessed using the individual combination for that vehicle. The combinations are kept in sealed envelopes in the Communications Center and are only accessed when a unit is on the scene and the Officer in Charge requests the code for their vehicle lock box. This provides an extra level of security for the system and your property.

Another useful application from Knox Box is the gate key switch. This device would allow the Fire/EMS Department to gain access to your property and therefore your residence or business without having to wait for a key holder or having to push or pull your electric security gate out of the way.

To order a Knox Box for your residence or business, contact Dana Main at Caroline County Fire-Rescue at 804-633-9831 or dmain@co.caroline.va.us. We can provide you with the pre-authorized Knox Company application and make suggestions for the right product for your needs.