

Locking FDC Caps

Fire Department Connection (FDC) Caps are used for all new sprinkler or standpipe systems.

Existing Systems:

If Roanoke Fire-EMS finds caps missing from FDC 3 times, locking caps will then be required.



Where do I mount the Knox Box?

- Mount the box on the address side of the building near the main entrance. Other locations for mounting of the box can be approved by the Fire Marshal.
- The box is to be mounted approximately 5ft.—6 ft. from the ground.
- After the box is mounted, contact the Fire Marshal to secure the Knox Box with your keys or cards.



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Knox Box Rapid Entry System



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Roanoke Fire-EMS wants to introduce you to one of the most important items on the market to keep your property safe in the case of a fire, medical emergency or fire alarm call. Roanoke Fire-EMS is beginning the implementation process of the Knox Box Rapid Entry System. The Knox Box Rapid Entry System provides non-destructive emergency access to commercial and residential property 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. To date, more than 8,000 fire departments and government agencies use Knox Box equipment for safe and secure rapid entry.



Knox Box Rapid Entry Systems are secure devices that attach to the outside of your property.

****Note: Residential Style Boxes can only be used on single family and duplex structures.****

Knox Box Rapid Entry System Key Boxes have lift-off or hinged doors. Property owners can place keys, access cards and/or small entry items inside of the Knox Box and be assured that their building can only be accessed by Roanoke Fire-EMS.

The Knox Box Rapid Entry System ensures time saving response to false alarms and also gives firefighters or emergency personnel safe entry to your property without force or injury.

For more information about the Knox Box Rapid Entry System or to place an order, visit the Roanoke Fire-EMS website at www.roanokeva.gov/fire-ems and click on related links. There you will find a direct link to the Knox Box website. You can also call Knox Box direct at 1-800-552-5669 or the Fire Marshal's Office at 540-853-1593.



Firefighters can quickly and safely gain rapid access to your property 24-hours a day.

Do I Have To Purchase a Knox Box Rapid Entry System?

Beginning September 1, 2006, Roanoke Fire-EMS will make it mandatory for all new business owners, with a new fire protection system, to purchase the Knox Box Rapid Entry System.

Business Owners with existing systems that cannot have a key holder on the premises within 20 minutes will also be required to install a Knox Box Rapid Entry System.

Premises with locked gates that limit accessibility to buildings will be required to purchase a Knox Box Rapid Entry System.



Knox also makes padlocks and key gate switches for electric gates.

Roanoke Fire-EMS suggests that residential property owners consider installing Knox Box Rapid Entry Systems.

These systems are also recommended for elderly or handicapped residents or those with special medical or physical needs.