

# KALISPELL FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **The Kalispell Fire Department Seeks donations to support residential Knox-Box® Program**

The Kalispell Fire Department is seeking donations to support a residential Knox-Box program in the community. The residential Knox-Box provides non-destructive emergency access to a residence in the event of a fire or medical emergency. The system speeds response times and reduces patient stress.

A Knox-Box is a highly secure box constructed of 1/4" solid steel with a 1/4" steel door and reinforced locking mechanism. They are UL listed against physical attack and the Medeco security lock is patented and UL listed for drill, pick and pull resistance. Entry keys are locked inside the box so the Fire Department can use them to access your residence during an emergency.

The master key to open the Knox-Box is held only by the Fire Department. This high security key is strictly controlled and is produced only by the Medeco factory under direction from an authorized fire official's signature. The key is secured inside a Knox Master Key Retention System within all fire and rescue vehicles and can only be released with an authorized access code.

The residential Knox-Box is not permanently mounted to the residence. The box simply fits over the top of the door and allows emergency personnel to enter in an emergency situation. These boxes are issued by the fire department and recycled throughout the community based upon need. Boxes are also available for direct purchase for community members interested in the program.

#### **WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION TO THE PROGRAM?**

Checks should be made payable to the Kalispell Fire Dept. Please make a notation on your check that it is for the Knox-Box program. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 1997 Kalispell, MT 59903.

#### **DO YOU NEED A RESIDENTIAL KNOX-BOX?**

If you would be interested in this service or have any questions, please contact Cecilia Lee at (406)758-7759 or stop by and pick up an application at the Kalispell Fire Department 312 1<sup>st</sup> Ave East.