



Montclair Fire Prevention Bureau Knox Rapid Access Equipment Program

KEY BOXES & SWITCHES: - Knox devices shall be provided where necessary to ensure that immediate access for firefighting, rescue, and other emergency purposes is possible.

PURCHASE EQUIPMENT: To purchase Knox devices approved by the Montclair Fire Department/ Fire Prevention Bureau, visit the Knox Company Website: www.knoxbox.com. When the **BUY** button is selected you may identify the State as California and the jurisdiction as Montclair Fire Department. The items shown are approved for purchase and installation within the City of Montclair.

REQUIRED LOCATIONS: At a minimum, Knox devices shall be provided for the following locations:

- gates along the paths of firefighter travel from the fire lane to all points along the perimeter of the structure;
- gates to pool enclosures;
- building gates or doors leading to interior courtyards containing rescue windows;
- building gates or doors leading to exterior hallways providing access to residential units or tenant suites;
- gates in exterior enclosures containing hazardous or combustible material storage;
- exterior doors to rooms containing main alarm panels or annunciators;
- doors and gates providing access to parking structures;
- primary (Main) entry doors for all buildings
- doors and gates to other areas identified by the fire department.

Knox boxes or switches shall be located adjacent to and clearly visible from the gate or door served and securely mounted to a wall or fence at a height of four to five feet above grade in an approved location. Where the potential for vandalism or tampering is significant, key boxes may be mounted higher than five feet with Montclair FPB approval. Boxes and switches are not required to be electronically monitored; if they are, they shall not initiate an alarm signal that requires a response by the fire department.

KEY BOX CONTENTS: Master keys that are clearly labeled/ tagged are to be placed in the box. The label or tag shall identify the gates or doors it operates. Where multiple gates or doors are served by a single box, two or more copies of the key(s) are recommended so that a copy will be available to each engine company responding to the site.

ELECTRIC LOCKS ON PEDESTRIAN GATES & DOORS Electromagnetically or electromechanically locked pedestrian gates and doors shall be equipped either with a Knox box containing a key or fob to open the lock or, if the door lock cannot be operated with a key or fob from the exterior, a Knox key switch shall be provided adjacent to the door. Where key switches are provided, the door or gate lock shall remain disengaged until the key switch is returned to the "normal" closed or locked position.

VEHICLE GATES ACROSS EMERGENCY ACCESS ROAD: A Knox override key switch is required on electrically operated gates. A Knox padlock is required on manually operated gates

DECALS: A RED KNOX decal is provided with each Knox box/ lock. The decal is required in a visible location next to each door or gate that can be accessed. Additional decals may need to be purchased.

FINAL APPROVAL/ ACCEPTANCE: Montclair Fire Prevention will verify placement, operation, contents (keys), and decals of all Knox equipment prior to final acceptance.

QUESTIONS: Any questions can be directed to the Deputy Fire Marshal at 909 447 3552 or via email to firemarshal@cityofmontclair.org