



## Residential Knox Box

### Residential Knox Box Loaner Program

The Beecher Fire Protection District has begun a residential Knox HomeBox program available to residents with special needs. A Knox HomeBox is a rapid-entry system designed to provide secure emergency access to a home or property to those living alone or with a history or medical or mobility issues.

#### *How the Program Works*

When a fire breaks out or there is a medical emergency, a Knox HomeBox allows the Fire District to gain immediate access to the home without forced entry damage or delay. The boxes are a metal box with a door hanger attached and are meant to be placed over the top of the resident's front entry door. Inside the box, a key to the residence is securely placed for access by the Beecher Fire Protection District.



#### *Please keep in mind...*

- The Knox HomeBox will remain the property of the Beecher Fire Protection District and is only loaned to residents for use at the address listed on the application
- The Knox HomeBox shall be hung on the front door and participants are to provide the Fire District with a key to the door
- Should the resident ever change the door locks, it is the resident's responsibility to notify the Fire Department and provide the Beecher Fire Protection District with the new door key
- The loaner Knox HomeBox shall be returned to the Beecher Fire Protection District when the original participant no longer resides at the property address or when they no longer have use for the box

For information on obtaining a loaner Knox HomeBox through the Beecher Fire Protection District or to purchase a Knox HomeBox of your own, please call (708) 946-6585.

#### *Eligibility Requirements*

In order to be deemed eligible and loaned a Knox HomeBox from the Beecher Fire Protection District a person must:

- Reside within the boundaries of the Beecher Fire Protection District.
- Have an existing medical or physical condition (short-term or long-term) that could render them unable to open a locked door in the case of an emergency (i.e. individuals recuperating from a hospital stay or awaiting placement in an assisted living or skilled nursing facility).
- Fill out a Residential Knox HomeBox Program application and follow the program rules.
- Sign the Knox HomeBox loan application and abide by the agreement



## BEECHER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT RESIDENTIAL KNOX HOMEBOX AGREEMENT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Knox HomeBox locking key boxes are available for residential properties. These key boxes offer a secure place in which to leave a key available for emergency response personnel to enter a private residence in an emergency. Misuse of the program may result in a service charge.

I understand that only ON DUTY personnel of the Beecher Fire Protection District have access to the contents of these Knox HomeBoxes. I also understand that I must provide a key for the area on my property that I want the Fire District to have access. Fire District personnel will place this key in the Knox HomeBox. If the lock to this area is changed, it is my obligation to contact the Beecher Fire Protection District so that the keys contained in the Knox HomeBox may be exchanged.

I will arrange for it to be installed in a conspicuous location, near the main entrance to my home.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_