



BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION
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Dear Area Property Owner:

The Bureau of Fire Safety and the Fire Companies consistently strive to maintain an efficient and safe approach to fire prevention and protection for our citizens and visitors. With that vision in mind, a need to modernize our current system of accessing properties during fire alarm conditions has arisen.

As our community has grown there has been an increasing number of automatic fire alarm calls to the Fire Company requiring a response. Once a fire alarm is received by the Fire Company they must respond and gain access to the interior of the building to discover the cause of the alarm. In order to gain access to buildings during emergency situation, with minimal property damage and without delay, the Township of Middle adopted Ordinance 1206-05 in 2005.

Middle Township Ordinance 1206-05 specifically requires buildings with or required to be equipped with fire detection or fire suppression systems or equipment to have a Key Box Rapid Entry System installed

This system consists of a secured key lock box placed in an appropriate location. Knox Boxes are constructed of 1/4" solid steel with a 1/2" steel door and reinforced locking mechanism. They are UL listed against physical attack and the security lock is patented and UL listed for drill, pick and pull resistance. The master key shall be retained in a KeySecure unit in Fire District Vehicles. Limited personnel will have a unique PIN code that they enter when the key is required. The KeySecure unit provides an audit trail showing the PIN that requested release of the key and when and for how long.

While the exact type of key lock box will be specified by the Fire Bureau, you must purchase boxes from the Knox Company directly. How to purchase a Knox Box is included in the Knox Box Ordering Information and Installation Requirements.

If you have any further question feel free to call the Bureau of Fire Safety and ask to speak with the Knox Box System Coordinator at (609)465-8710.