

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPOSITORY UNITS
SYNOPSIS OF ORDINANCE 83-00
EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 29, 2000

Repository units, or Knox Boxes as they are commonly known, eliminates needless, costly forced entry damage, ensures immediate building entry by fire personnel for quick fire control and/or the ability to shut off unnecessary sprinkler systems while maintaining building security. They are made to withstand extreme climate and environmental conditions.

ONLY the fire department will hold the keys to the repository units. These units, approved by the Chief, are to be installed and maintained on:

1. Any multi-family residential structure that have restricted access through locked doors and have a common corridor for access to the living units.
2. Any non-residential building where a fire detection or suppression system is monitored by an alarm company or has an external audible alarm.
3. Any building or facility containing a quantity of hazardous materials which would require compliance with Title III of SARA (Superfund Amendment Reauthorization Act).

Compliance shall be within one year from the effective date of this ordinance. New construction shall comply at time of construction.

The keys required to be deposited in the repository unit shall include keys to locked points of access in the exterior of the building or facility; locked points of access to common areas, such as hallways or utility rooms, contained within such buildings or facilities; locked mechanical rooms; locked electrical rooms, all other locked areas, other than individual apartments or rented rooms as directed by the Chief.