

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCESS TO YOUR BUILDING**

Dear Property/Business Owner,

It is the goal of the Divernon Fire Protection District to provide the best and most up-to-date service to the people in our fire protection district. Therefore, the department has instituted the use of the Knox Rapid Entry System to provide ease-of-access and to streamline operations. The current system of notifying a building key holder and waiting for entrance keys to arrive causes the department unnecessary and often prolonged delays. In contrast, maintaining keys to alarmed buildings has become unmanageable and is causing delays when responding to emergencies.

In order to access buildings quickly, minimize forced entry damage and protect firefighters from injury, the Divernon FPD recently adopted the KNOX-BOX Rapid Entry System and the Village of Divernon board has adopted an ordinance requiring the installation and maintenance of a key lock box for fire prevention.

The installation of a high security KNOX-BOX near the entrance of your buildings will provide onsite storage of keys, access cards and emergency information. Knox-Boxes are constructed of ¼” solid steel with a ½” 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. The KNOX-BOX is keyed specifically for the Divernon Fire Protection District and would be used in cases of emergency or to ensure safety of the property.

The Knox Company has been providing fire departments with the Knox Rapid Entry System for 30 years. More than 7,500 departments and the communities they serve enjoy the benefits of this proven system.

Please feel free to call the Knox Company at 800-552-5669 or visit them on-line at [www.knoxbox.com](http://www.knoxbox.com) if you have any questions. Otherwise , please call the Divernon Fire Department at 217-628-3341 to obtain an order form and installation instructions.

Sincerely,  
Randy Rhodes-Fire Chief