Eugene Rural Fire Protection District #1

Fire Department Access Through Private Gates

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Eugene Rural Fire Protection District #1, along with Eugene Springfield Fire & EMS Department have formed a plan allowing emergency response to homes in the fire district which have locked security gates. This process includes the Knox Rapid Access System via a KnoxBox located at the gate which allows emergency responders to access a key, a gate code, or a switch to open the gate. The KnoxBox can only be opened, or the Gate opener switch operated with a special key carried in a secure, locked box located on the Fire Department apparatus.

The following is the procedure to follow for purchasing a lock box for this purpose:

You can go online to **www.knoxbox.com**, under **Emergency Key Box-Knox Rapid Access System** choose **Residential KnoxBoxes.** In location box, choose **Oregon** and then, in **Local fire department/agency,** type in **Eugene Springfield Fire**. Select **Search,** then select **Residential Knox-Boxes**. Currently the Eugene Springfield Fire Marshal's Office suggests a <u>Surface Mount Model 1662</u> for a Knoxbox to secure gate keys or codes. Other options include a Gate Key Switch box which the fire department can operate with their key. Because there are many different gate access situations, **ERFPD#1 suggests calling the KnoxBox Customer Service line at 800-566-9269 for help to confirm you make the right choice for your specific application.** Knox will contact Eugene Springfield Fire Marshal's Office online for approval of your application prior to it being billed and shipped.

After your box arrives, for best security, be sure to follow the manufacturer installation instructions. The box should generally be located to the left of the driveway entrance, no higher than 6 feet from the ground. Once your box is installed, call **541-682-5411** or email fmoadmin@ci.eugene.or.us to have a fire crew come out and lock your keys or gate code into the KnokBox or confirm the Gate Key Switch operates properly.

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