

Allen Park Fire Department Knox Box Program

The Allen Park Fire Department continues to offer residential Knox Boxes made possible through a Wayne County grant, The Allen Park Festivities Committee, and Community Block Grant monies. These locked boxes are placed over the entry door and contain the resident's house key. In the event of a medical emergency, the Fire Department can gain immediate entry into that person's home by accessing the door key through the Knox system. This allows for immediate entry and avoids possible damage if there was no Knox Box and a forced entry was necessary. People with chronic medical conditions, elderly folks that live alone, persons with disabilities, are prime examples of the residents we hope to reach. If you aren't sure if you qualify, contact us and ask. This is a free service provided to the residents by the Fire Department for as long as they need it.

Along with this program we have resurrected the "File of Life" packets purchased years ago by the Festivities Committee. This packet contains a card for recording vital medical information such as: medical history, drug allergies, surgeries and medications. The information is placed in a magnetic sleeve that attaches to the refrigerator. An additional smaller card can be filled out and carried in a purse or wallet. By having this information posted in the home or carrying it on your person, emergency medical personnel can make a timely assessment of the patient prior to treatment in the event of a medical emergency. Treatment won't be delayed for fear of administering a drug that will interfere with current medications or worsen an existing condition. These packets are available at the Allen Park Fire Department or the Community Center.

If you, or anyone resident you know, could benefit from The Residential Knox Box Program; please contact Deputy Chief David Servetter at the Allen Park Fire Department to signup for the program. There is currently a waiting list so contact us to have your contact info added to the list.

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