



PROGRAM OBJECTIVE

To give at-risk residents in the County Fire service area, as well as Deer Springs and Ramona a no-cost back up plan to ensure accessibility during emergencies. The program launched in Oct. 2020.

EQUIPMENT

Participants can select from two different models: an over-the-door hanger (pictured above right), or a surface wall mount. The over-the-door model can fit over the door without drilling.

FUNDING SOURCES

The program is supported by the County of San Diego, and a \$125,000 Community Development Block Grant from the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development through County HHSA's Housing and Community Development Services.

Residential KnoxBox Program Overview



Eligibility Criteria:

Participants must live within either the County Fire service area, Deer Springs, or Ramona, and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- ✓ 62 years or older
- ✓ Have a disability as defined by ADA
- ✓ Need assistance with one or more Major Life Activity, such as caring for oneself, walking, standing, or lifting, as defined by ADA.

Outreach through Partnerships:

To reach participants, County Fire is working closely with both internal and external partners, including the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, County Communications Office, Fire Safe Council of San Diego County, and others.

How the Program Works:

- Residents who are interested can visit County Fire's website at sandiegocounty.gov/sdcfa, or contact Community Risk Reduction (CRR) staff at FireCRR@sdcounty.ca.gov or (858)974-5744.
- Interested residents can download or request an application. They can then fill it out and send to County Fire. Staff can also assist with the application by phone. Staff will review and approve qualifying applications.
- County Fire staff will inform applicants that they are approved and conduct a home visit and install at no cost.
- Applicants are asked to sign an installation and/or use agreement.
- Once installed, a spare house key is placed inside the lockbox. County Fire personnel can access the box during life-threatening emergencies.
- KnoxBoxes will remain County property. We will monitor the need for the boxes every year by checking in with participants.