

Chatham Fire Department

10 Hoffman Street
Chatham, NY 12037-1329

Ocean Fire Company #1

S.W. Smith Hook & Ladder

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Chatham Area Businesses and Arts
Chatham Residents

Dear Residents and Business owners,

The goal of the Chatham Fire Department is to provide the best and most up to date service to the people and property owners in our fire district. Maintaining keys or attempting to keep a list of people to contact in the event of a fire or emergency has become unmanageable and is causing delays when responding to fire alarm activations or emergencies at businesses during off hours, or residences that are unoccupied.

In order to access buildings quickly, minimize forced entry damage and protect firefighters and occupants from injury, the Chatham Fire Department is asking for the support in proposing all business owners and residences alike; which have an automatic fire alarm system, in the Village of Chatham, as well as the rest of the fire district to install a Knox-Box Rapid Entry System. This system is utilized by over 9,000 fire departments in the nation to help protect their communities.

Knox-Boxes are constructed of ¼” solid steel with 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 master key to open the Knox-Box is held only by the Chatham Fire Department officials. This high security key is strictly controlled and is produced only by Medeco factory under direction from an authorized fire official’s signature.

Knox-Boxes are specified by the Chatham Fire Department, but are purchased directly from the Knox Company. Once installed near the entrance of your property, the department locks your building keys inside the Knox-Box so that it is available onsite for future use.

Please go to www.knoxbox.com or contact the company at 800-552-5669 for further information or questions on the box. Please feel free to contact Fire Department officials at 518-392-2751 or Chief Eric Barnes at ejb58005@aol.com. To obtain an order form and installation instructions with the Chatham Fire Department System Code of PS-42-0388-04-03 contact a Fire Chief.

Professionally,

Eric J. Barnes – Chief of the Department of Fire

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