



City of Gastonia Fire Department



"Nationally Accredited Fire Service Agency: 2000 - 2021"
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The Gastonia Fire Department recognizes the Knox Rapid Entry Key Box System. This system allows the department after-hours entry to a property in the event of an emergency, or false alarm. This system is an advantage to property owners because it allows entry with no damage to your building.

The following paragraph is from the North Carolina Fire Prevention Code Section 506.1: *Where access to or within a structure or an area is restricted because of secured openings or where immediate access is necessary for life-saving or fire-fighting purposes, the fire code official is authorized to require a key box to be installed in an approved location. The key box shall be of an approved type and shall contain keys to gain necessary access as required by the fire code official.*

All new construction within the city limits of Gastonia, North Carolina is required to purchase a Knox Box. Existing businesses are encouraged to purchase a Knox Box, but it is not a requirement.

To order a Knox Box, go to: <http://www.knoxbox.com>

Click Rapid Entry System, & then click Fire Departments.

The Gastonia Fire Department suggests picking one of the many boxes available in the 3200 series.

When checking out, search for and select The Gastonia Fire Department as the jurisdiction for your Knox Box.

Once the box arrives in the mail, call the Gastonia Fire Department Fire Marshal's Office at (704) 866-6807 and someone will come to your location to select a place outside of your business for the box to be mounted.

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