

SAFETY INFORMATION FROM THE GREEN VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS:

To stay safe, you should have one or more fire extinguishers in your home. They are not expensive, and can be purchased locally. They should be easily accessible. Don't put your extinguishers in places you can't get to quickly and easily.

Check the pressure indicator often. Make sure the pressure is in the **green zone**. The Fire Department recommends you check about once a month.

SMOKE ALARM BATTERIES:

The Green Valley Fire Corps has started a new program. You can pay \$15.00 a year to have someone from the Fire Corps come to your house to change the batteries in all your smoke detectors. After the Fire District receives your check, someone will call to set up an appointment. Fire Corp will bring all the needed batteries. Someone will call to remind you the following year when it's time to check the batteries.

This is an easy and safe solution for people who cannot or should not climb ladders to reach their smoke detectors. For more information, call **393-7505**.

RESIDENTIAL KEY LOCKBOXES:

If you are worried about being unable to unlock your door to give District firefighters and/or paramedics access to your home, you can purchase a Residential Key Lockbox. In the event that you cannot open your door, this lockbox can give first responders additional crucial moments to provide patient care and to eliminate unavoidable damage that will occur if they have to break down your door.

These special lockboxes are designed to be very secure, as well as extremely strong. They are only used by Green Valley Fire Department firefighters. Your home keys are secured inside the box. The boxes can only be opened with a special coded key carried on the fire trucks. No one else can use these key lockboxes – not friends, neighbors, nor anyone else.

The key lockboxes are manufactured and sold by Supra, the same company that serves the real estate industry.

Your lock box information is kept in the Fire Department's dispatch center computers. They alert responding crews that you have a lock box. A red sticker is also attached to your front door area to show firefighters that the key lockbox is present.

Call the Fire Prevention Office at **625-9400** for information regarding the key lockboxes. You will need to fill out a form or have someone help you fill out the form. That form, along with a check, is sent to the manufacturing company to order the box. When the box arrives, you can call Prevention for installation assistance.