



**Type A EDC Agenda
March 13, 2023**

Minutes Resolution

Action Item

Agenda Description:

Discuss, consider, and possible action on a request to implement a Knox Box Grant Program.

Background Information:

The Fire Department has requested that the Type A EDC Board consider implementing a KNOX Box Grant Program that would incentivize local business owners to install KNOX Box entry systems on their commercial business not to exceed \$250.00. Funds would only be as a reimbursement

When a business owner makes the purchase by KNOX, the city would send someone to install the unit and the FD would come out and open and install the business owners' keys to the box. Under very strict guidelines, those keys could only be accessed by the FD or PD in case of an emergency.

The KNOX system is very secure, each unit logs in and out and will identify who opened the box and returned the keys. KNOX Systems are required in the Fire Code currently adopted by the City and are common in municipalities around the country. Staff is also working on a residential KNOX program as well, that would be funded in the Fire Department in the FY 2023-24 Budget.

Financial Information:

NA

City Contact and Recommendations:

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