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## Knox Box Installation Project

A project several years in the making was recently completed here on base. The 914th Civil Engineering and Fire Emergency Services Flights had 56 "Knox Boxes" installed on the exterior of several facilities. These boxes will enable responders from the fire department to access facilities much quicker for *Trouble Signals* and *Fire Alarms* after duty hours, on weekends and holidays when the facilities are not normally open. In the past, fire crews had to try to locate the facilities master key among countless others on a very large key ring which often took several minutes on scene. The Knox Boxes, typically located at or near the main entrances, will greatly reduce that on scene time. Facility managers are now able to store copies of all building access keys in the boxes. This project will greatly benefit the Fire Emergency Services Flight and the Wing as a whole.



Store all building access keys in the Knox Box for emergency personnel use.

## Civilian Employee of the Quarter

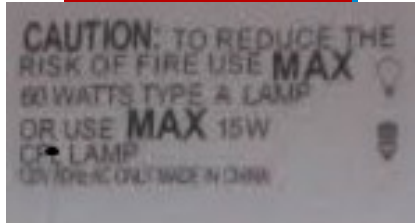
Mr. Russell C. Reynolds was presented with the 914th Fire Emergency Services Flight Employee of the quarter award for the 1st Quarter of 2015.

Mr. Reynolds helped to effectively organize, assemble, and arrange critical response resources worth \$940K by methodically orchestrating the inventory of over 500 Hazardous Material



pieces after relocation to a new storage facility. He also committed over 70 man-hours meticulously updating our 35 item Haz-Mat Monitor Inventory to ensure the flight is 100% functional and capable. His functional knowledge of ACES-RM also made him the "go-to guy", training 40 personnel how to properly input data and track FES response equipment.

In Case Of Emergency Call **911** (base phones) or **236-2117** (cell phones)



## Check Your Light Bulb Wattage to Prevent Fires

Fires caused by improperly installed light bulbs exceeding allowable wattage are most common in residence halls and business, but the danger is also present in homes. When max wattage is exceeded it causes excessive heat which can burn the shade, housing or nearby combustibles. Exceeding the appliances max wattage can also slowly degrade the wiring which can cause fires.

When replacing light bulbs always refer to the manufac-

turers sticker located on the appliance (example shown on left). If no sticker is present air on the side of caution and either get rid of the appliance or replace the bulbs with CFL's or LED's with use less wattage while producing more light.

Incandescent lights have now become a thing of the past and are quickly being replaced by newer more efficient alternatives like eco-incandescent's, CFL's (compact florescent

lamp) and LED's (light-emitting diode). These newer technologies allow for greater efficiency and safety but using less wattage to produce the same amount of emitted visible lights. Prices vary between bulb types and efficiency. By switching all of my home's light bulbs to LED's I have cut my monthly electric bill in half from \$80 to \$40 a month. Regardless of what bulbs you choose to use always reference the manufactures max watts recommendations.

*“Dryers bring together, in sometimes perfect concert, all the ingredients needed for an unwanted fire: heat, air and fuel.”*

## Laundry Dryers and Vent Cleaning

Clothes dryer fires account for nearly 15,000 structure fires, 15 deaths and 400 injuries annually. “Failure to clean” is the leading factor contributing to clothes dryer fires in residential buildings.

Cleaning the lint trap before or after each load is not enough to combat the possibility of a fire caused by the dryer.

Cleaning your dryer vents at

least once a year is the most important practice in preventing fires. Over the course of time lint buildup remains hidden in the tubing/venting that leads to the outside of your home. In most homes a simple adjustable lightener allows you to disconnect the vent tubing and inspect and clean built up lint.



## The Importance of Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Carbon monoxide is a silent killer – you cannot see it, smell it or taste it. The only safe way to detect it is with a carbon monoxide alarm. CO is produced anytime a fuel is burned. Potential sources include gas or oil furnaces, water heaters, space heaters, clothes dryers, barbecue grills, fireplaces, wood burning stoves, gas ovens, generators, and car exhaust fumes.

These alarms are so important in protection against death that NYS established a new law in February 22, 2010 to help protect against carbon monoxide poisoning. The law requires that CO alarms must be installed in all new and existing one- and two-family dwellings and multifamily dwellings (residence halls) having a fuel-burning appliance, system or attached garage.



# Plan Your Escape - Always Have a Second Exit Plan



When asked, most people say they use the same exits consistently and truly don't know where the closest exits are. This is an obvious safety issue in the event the primary exit becomes blocked, being over utilized, or compromised.

One solution to this problem is taking a the time to familiarize yourself and your staff with alternative exits and safe areas of the building.

Another solution is to make sure your facility managers have current, written escape plans and visual diagrams posted.

We all truly share the responsibility of the personal safety of ourselves and our co-workers. Learning how and where to get out is the first step.

## Safe Grilling Practices

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should always be used outside.
- Place grills far away from your home, decks, trees, and all other combustible materials.
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before attempting to light it.
- Keep grill clean of grease both inside and underneath where the grease collects.
- Keep charcoal fluid away from children, and keep children/pets at least 3 feet away from the grill at all times.
- Always allow charcoal to completely cool before disposal.
- Check your grill, hoses, and tanks for gas leaks (spray soapy water solution on them and look for bubbles).

***“Always store grills outdoors, away from combustibles, and never under eaves or hanging branches”.***

## HEARTSAVER CPR Classes For Military and DoD Civilian Employees

**May 7th & June 11th**

**Bldg. 821 (Fire Station) Rm #122  
1300-1500 hrs.**

**Reserve a class spot via E-Mail (Both):  
felicja.redden.1@us.af.mil  
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**American Heart  
Association**



*Learn and Live*

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# Safety Recalls

Life Safety is Job # 1

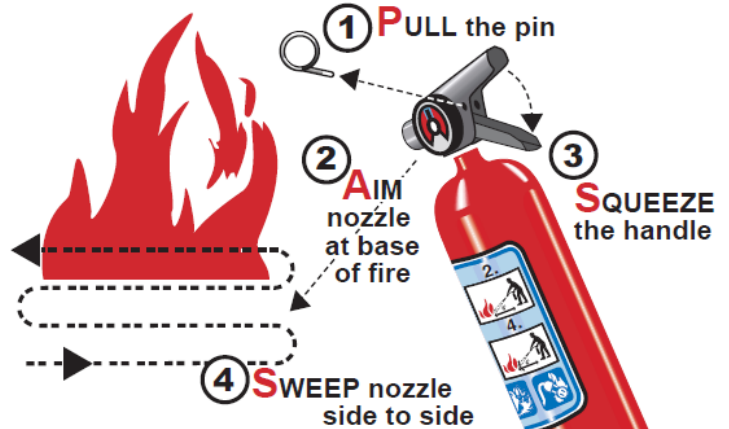
- ◆ Roberta Roller Rabbit Recalls Children's Pajama Sets
- ◆ Shark Vacuum Cleaners Recalled by Euro-Pro Due to Shock Hazard
- ◆ Hair Dryers Recalled by AG Hair Due to Electrocutation Hazard
- ◆ Lenovo Expand Recall of Battery Pack for ThinkPad Notebook Computer Due to Fire Hazard
- ◆ OWT Industries Recalls Electric Blower Vacuums Due to Fire and Burn Hazards; Sold Exclusively at Walmart

View All Safety Alerts and Recalls @ <http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/ofpc/>



To operate an extinguisher: Check your own extinguisher's label for detailed instructions.

**P**ull  
**A**im  
**S**queeze  
**S**weep



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