

**Florida Building Commission**  
**Elevator Emergency Access Ad Hoc Committee Report**

October 1, 2001  
Rosen Center Hotel  
9840 International Drive  
Orlando, Florida

**Attendees**

John Calpini, Chair  
Sam Walthour

**Committee Objectives**

To Conduct Presentations Regarding Related Products and Associated Costs  
To Discuss and Prioritize Key Issues  
To Consider Initial Draft language for Recommendations to the Legislature  
To Review Assignments and Issues for Next Meeting

**Overview**

John Calpini declared the meeting open at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Calpini asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of the tragedy of September 11<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Calpini reviewed the meeting objectives and agenda. The agenda was unanimously approved. Mr. Bill Brown gave a presentation on the Knox Box products and answered questions from the committee. Mr. Ted Baranowski gave a presentation of several different emergency elevator access products and answered questions from the committee. During the meeting the Committee discussed elevator emergency access issues including modification to statutory language; methods for providing universal access; recommendations to the Legislature; and implementation methods. conducted a straw poll of support for the committee process and direction.

**Committee Actions**

Issues Discussed

Identify the parameters and scope  
Forms of universal access  
No exemptions for private

- **Motion:** Universal emergency access applies to all primary elevators with fire fighters service.  
**Vote:** Unanimous in favor. Motion passes.
  
- **Motion:** Lock box should be the universal method of access and should be dedicated to the elevator. Lock box should be located in the building no less than five feet from the elevator.  
**Vote:** Unanimous in favor. Motion passes.

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Comments on this issue:

- This will be a redundant system if a lock box is already in use elsewhere in the building.
- The purpose of this is to have one tool. It should be used with other keys also, i.e. police, EMS, etc.

- **Motion:** Lock boxes should be used in both new construction and existing buildings. Existing buildings should be in compliance within one year of implementing the new system and new buildings should be in compliance within six months of implementing the new system.

**Vote:** Unanimous in favor. Motion passes.

There was a discussion of the use of sub-master lock box keys and jurisdictional boundaries including multi-county, regional and statewide.

- **Motion:** One key for all lock boxes should be used statewide.
- Vote:** Unanimous in favor. Motion passes.

Costs associated with implementing a mandatory lock box system was discussed.

- **Motion:** Cost for installing the lock box should be paid by the property owner.
- Vote:** Unanimous in favor. Motion passes.

### **Next Steps**

- Specify lock box options
- Research associated costs
- Write technical specifications
- Draft recommendation to the Legislature

### **Conclusion**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.