



# Ridgewood Fire Department

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## "OPERATION BLUE ANGEL"

The Ridgewood Fire Department and the Ridgewood Police Department, in partnership with Age Friendly Ridgewood, are pleased to announce a new program called Operation Blue Angel.

Operation Blue Angel is a voluntary program designed to assist Ridgewood residents at risk of a medical or life-threatening emergency in the event that the resident is home alone and unable to get to the front door and open it for help. The program allows Fire, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Police to gain entry into the home in the event of a medical emergency without unnecessary delays and without potential expensive damage to windows or doors.

Participants in Operation Blue Angel are provided with a free and secured Lock Box, which is affixed to the home. A key to the resident's home is securely stored in the Lock Box. The confidential access code to the Lock Box is placed on file with the Ridgewood Fire Department. In the event of an emergency, a Ridgewood Fire Responder will access the confidential Lock Box Code and use the secured key to accompany medical personnel into the home.

*Operation Blue Angel is made possible by funding from the Village of Ridgewood and is free of cost to eligible community members.*



## Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible to enroll in the "Operation Blue Angel" lock box program, Ridgewood residents should meet the following criteria:

- I live alone (or am alone for extended periods of time on a regular basis) and have a medical condition or special need that may prevent me from getting to the door in the event of an emergency.
- Must complete the **Operation Blue Angel** Application and the Liability Waiver forms.
- Must designate an Emergency Contact Person.

The access code to the Lock Box will be available **only** to Ridgewood first responder personnel. The Lock Box code will normally **not** be transmitted over the airwaves to avoid unauthorized persons from hearing the code. If it is, the code will be changed. The Lock Box remains the property of the Village of Ridgewood and must be returned if the Participant moves or relocates from our jurisdiction or otherwise leaves the program.

## For More Information

If you wish to obtain an application for **Operation Blue Angel** or are unsure if you qualify and have questions, please contact:

Ridgewood Fire Prevention Bureau:  
Office: 201-444-7898 x. 5480  
Email: [fireprevention@ridgewoodnj.net](mailto:fireprevention@ridgewoodnj.net)



## Operation Blue Angel

### LIABILITY RELEASE FORM:

In case of emergency, DIAL 911

Chief John T. Judge,

In consideration of Village of Ridgewood's participation in Operation Blue Angel, the undersigned, to the fullest extent permitted by law, hereby agrees for the undersigned and the undersigned's heirs and representatives, to indemnify and hold harmless the Village of Ridgewood and their respective employees, officers, and attorneys from and against any and all claims, demands, rights, charges, actions, cause of action, suits, judgments, losses, damages, personal injuries (including but not limited to death), or liabilities (including reasonable attorney's fees), costs incurred or to be expended or expenses paid or obligated to be paid directly or indirectly arising from or in connection with the undersigned's participation in the Operation Blue Angel. The undersigned acknowledges and agrees that the undersigned's participation in Operation Blue Angel is voluntary and that said Program is being offered only as a courtesy. The undersigned also understands and agrees Operation Blue Angel is not intended in any way whatsoever to create or impose a special duty on the Ridgewood Fire Department or the Village of Ridgewood and their respective employees, officers, and attorneys regarding the undersigned's safety or well-being.

### CONDITIONS:

Under the Operation Blue Angel, the undersigned has voluntarily agreed to participate in the program and assume full responsibility for providing the correct key at all times. Once the lock box is installed, police or other first responder personnel can only use the lock box to gain access to the undersigned's home after being summoned to the home for emergency purposes. In the event of a time sensitive situation (e.g. medical emergency, fire, home invasion, etc.) or malfunction of the lock box, fire and police personnel may not be able to, nor have the time, to use the lock box system. In those situations, the undersigned agrees that emergency personnel shall have the right to exercise their discretion and gain entry to the undersigned's home by the fastest means possible. However, emergency personnel will use their best efforts to utilize the lock box when time and the situation permits.

**\_\_\_\_\_ I UNDERSTAND THAT OPERATION BLUE ANGEL IS NOT A "LOCK OUT SERVICE" FOR ME, MY FAMILY OR MY FRIENDS. ONLY EMERGENCY PERSONNEL AND ACTUAL PARTICIPANTS WILL BE GRANTED ACCESS AND EXCESSIVE REQUESTS FOR NON-EMERGENT ACCESS WILL RESULT IN TERMINATION OF MY PARTICIPATION IN OPERATION BLUE ANGEL AND WILL RESULT IN THE REMOVAL OF THE LOCK BOX.**



**EACH RESIDENT (Over the age of 18 years) AT THE HOME ADDRESS LISTED ABOVE IS REQUIRED TO SIGN AND DATE THIS AGEEMENT.**

**1 -Program Participant (Please Print)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Program Participant

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**2- Program Participant (Please Print)**

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Signature of Program Participant

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**3- Program Participant (Please Print)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Program Participant

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE NOTE: If the lock box is no longer needed or the key to your home changes, please call the Ridgewood Fire Prevention Bureau at (201) 444-7898 x 5480 between the hours of 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, or email [fireprevention@ridgewoodnj.net](mailto:fireprevention@ridgewoodnj.net) so that we can remove it or change the key placed in the lockbox.

Internal Use Only

Entered on Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature / ID \_\_\_\_\_