

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

August 27, 2001  
Rosen Plaza Hotel  
9700 International Drive  
Orlando, Florida

**Attendees**

John Calpini, Chair  
Sam Walthour

**Committee Objectives**

To Identify Key Issues  
To Receive Public Comment  
To Develop a Work Plan and Time Line for Completion

**Overview**

John Calpini declared the meeting open at 3:30 p.m. Mr. Calpini reviewed the meeting objectives and agenda. The agenda was unanimously approved. Mr. Jim Goodloe gave an overview of the emergency elevator access issue. During the meeting the Committee discussed elevator emergency access issues including security; lock boxes; a uniform key system; and conducted a straw poll of support for the committee process and direction.

**Committee Actions**

Issues Identified:

- Security concerns with a universal key
- What is the cost to implement a system?
- Provide exemption for 24 hour security locations
- What should the standard key be?
- Use a lock box system to hold critical keys
- Recommend this apply to elevators in all buildings, not just buildings of 6 stories or greater
- Vulnerability of lock boxes
- Private residence unit access
- Time lines for implementation
- Crossing jurisdictional and geographic lines

**Committee Vote**

Committee members and participants voted 10 to 1 in favor of supporting a positive recommendation to the Legislature for the provision of some form of universal emergency access to elevators.

**Next Steps**

- Coordinate a presentation at the next committee meeting from a lock box company (i.e.

- Knox Box) on their product. (DCA staff to complete this task.)
- Legal staff to review possible conflict in F.S. 399.03(1)

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- Industry representatives to provide cost data and technical aspects for implementation, including possible electronic technology options.
- Review other state systems. (DCA staff to complete this task.)
- Contact Florida League of Cities and the Florida Association of Counties and survey their views on this issue. Invite each to participate in the next meeting. (DCA staff to complete this task.)

### **Conclusion**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.