

Falls Prevention Coalition Meeting – 4/26/2017

- Present: Stapleton, Straker, Branson, Thiel, Schertz, Lindahl and Intern, Kunnen, Simonis, Pintz, Pierce, Anderson, White, and 2 La Crosse Fire Fighters.
- Representatives from the Fire Dept. explained the Knox-Box Rapid Entry System Residential Program. Designed for people who live by themselves or have mobility issues, secure lock boxes (with key to your house) can be purchased and attached to your home which:
 - Enhances the Fire Dept. response time
 - Eliminates needless, costly forced entry

More information is available at KNOXBOX.com. Contact your local fire Dept. to get a Residential Knox-Box authorization form.

- After reviewing data from AARP that Wisconsin has the largest number of deaths from falling in the nation, discussion focused on how this coalition could develop a system to collect data on our current prevention programs (Stepping On, SIMS, Tai Chi, Strong Seniors). A Sub-Committee will contact UW-La Crosse, Viterbo, and the Public Health Dept. at University of WI to see what resources they have to help implement such as initiative. Idea was suggested to see if Senior Preferred Health Plan could cover the cost of Stepping On as part of their fall prevention efforts.
- Maybe we should investigate other fall prevention programs (*see attached*)

- **Next Meeting :** **Wed, May 31, 2017 1:01pm**
 Lower level conf room
 First Presbyterian Church
 233 West Ave

AGENDA

1. PR to promote Falls Prevention Awareness Day
2. Agenda and Speakers for Falls Prevention Awareness Day