

# GERMAN TOWNSHIP FIRE-RESCUE

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From: Captain David Magary

To: All Members

Re: "Big Easy" Lockout Kit

The "Big Easy" lockout kit is designed to unlock a vehicle's doors by either manipulating the lock, the automatic lock button, or the door handle. The lockout kit is designed for use in non-emergency situations where time is not a critical factor in the outcome of a pt. Prior to using the lockout kit, have the vehicle owner sign a release and obtain the vehicle information on the form.

The lockout kit is stored on 8R9 on the passenger's side top shelf in the box. It consists of a red carrying case, the Big Easy tool, a wedge, an inflatable wedge, a lock knob lifter, and a paint protector.

1. The plastic wedge should be inserted into the uppermost rear corner of the front door frame. Each vehicle will be a little different but start the wedge into the door gap and use the wedge to pry out the door frame enough to see where the weather strip contacts the body. Tapping the wedge, carefully insert the wedge between the weather strip and body. Continue inserting until there is just enough of a gap to insert the Big Easy tool.

**OR**

2. The inflatable wedge should be inserted into the uppermost rear corner of the front door frame. The wedge should be inserted about 2/3 into the door. If the weather strip prevents insertion, use the wedge to assist in opening the door until the inflatable wedge can be inserted. Once in place, inflate until there is just enough of a gap to insert the Big Easy tool. If needed, the inflatable wedge can be lubricated with the soapy water solution used for the sawzall.
3. Slide the Big Easy tool into the hole in the center of the paint protector. Next, insert the Big Easy tool into the vehicle interior and use the tip of the tool to manipulate the electric lock button, the sliding lock button, or the door opening handle. If the bend in the tool is not sufficient, remove the tool and adjust the bend to the required configuration for the vehicle. *Note: The tool can be used to tilt the rearview mirror to help you see the lock or door handle that is not directly visible.*

**OR**

4. Insert the Sure Grip lock knob lifter into the interior of the vehicle and slide it down to the vertical lock knob. Hold one end of the strip in each hand. Push and pull each side to slide the guide the tool as you lower it onto the vertical lock knob. After the strip is in position, pull rearward until snug to grip the lock knob and then add a slight upward pull to lift the vertical lock knob.

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### Release of Liability

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am requesting the assistance of the German Township Fire Department in unlocking my vehicle. I hereby release the German Township Fire Department of any and all liability in the event that my vehicle is damaged. By signing this form, I acknowledge that I may not seek any compensation or reimbursement from the German Township Fire Department and I hereby release the German Township Fire Department of any and all liability in the event that my vehicle is damaged.

Vehicle Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Make: \_\_\_\_\_

Model: \_\_\_\_\_

License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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