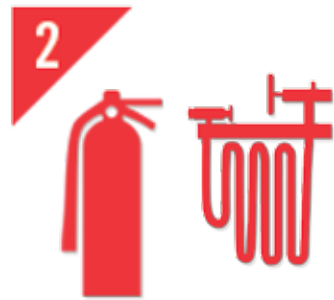


Chain of Survival

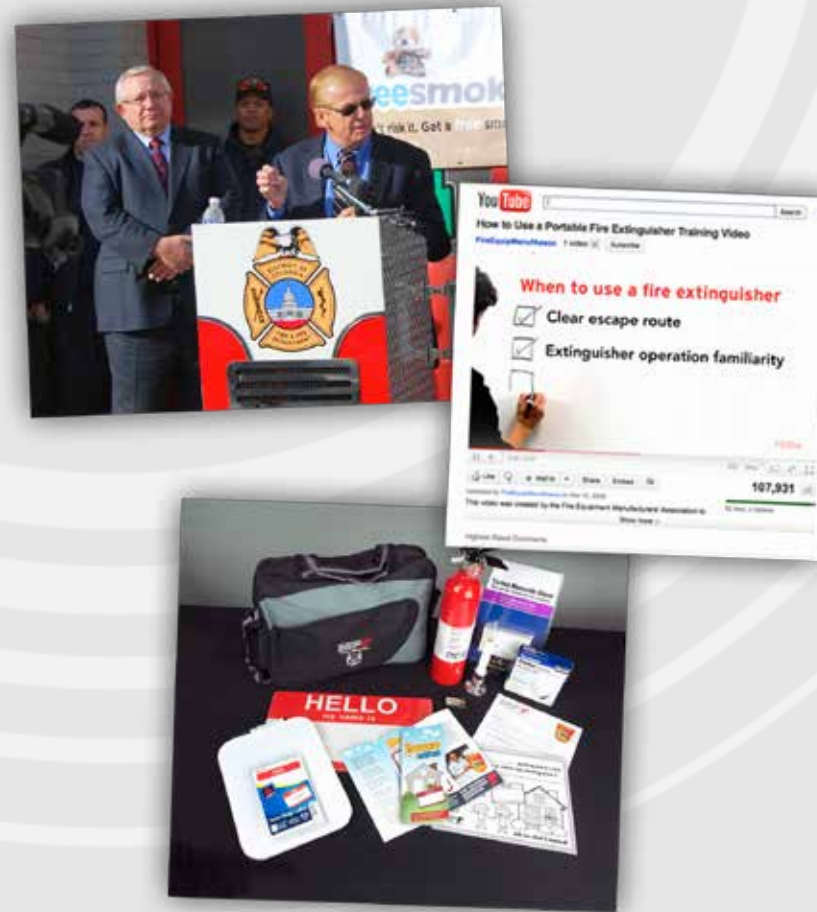
The illustrated chain of survival demonstrates how safety-to-life does not depend on any single safeguard—they must all work together within a balanced fire protection plan. The Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association is dedicated to promoting this important educational message to save lives and protect property.

1. Call fire department; Announce fire/alert others; Make sure everyone is safe.
2. Defend in place
3. Fire/smoke alarm sounds
4. Suppression system activates
5. Sprinkler system activates
6. Fire department responds



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Background

The first few minutes define the outcome of a fire—whether it will be a small fire or a tragedy. The Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association is dedicated to furnishing the world with fire equipment that will be the first line of defense against a fire in the early stages.

The Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association was formed in 1930 as the Chemical Fire Extinguishers Association to create a forum to address industry issues and to represent the industry in government, industry, and community relations.

Today, the Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association is a strong and vital organization with a mission to provide the world with the best possible quality equipment for saving lives and protecting property and to educate the public about balanced fire protection.

For more than 80 years, the Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association has been a driving force in advancing fire protection throughout North America and will continue to further its mission.

Working Together

“ Now, more than ever, fire equipment manufacturers need to become proactive in the code process. Finding solutions to deal with changes in the industry landscape is a responsibility which we all bear. Working together we can make a significant impact toward life safety. ”

– **Bill Vegso**

President of the Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association

Benefits of Membership

- Representation on key NFPA Standards, such as NFPA 1, 101, 5000, 1962 - 1964, 96, 17, 17A, and many others.
- Interaction with International Codes, such as IFC and IBC.
- Representation on UL advisory committees, such as STP 407, 300, and 605.
- Relationship building and partnership opportunities with other key associations, such as State Fire Marshal Association, NFPA, State Legislators, Government Officials, NAFED, FFEDA, and PAFED.
- Opportunities to influence regional and state code requirements.
- United stance on many important industry issues.
- Promotion of the balanced fire protection concept and access to marketing materials, presentations, and research.
- Use of the Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association platform for discussion of ideas.

Membership

The Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association is organized by two levels of membership. **Member companies** are manufacturers of a variety of products that play a key role in fire protection, such as portable fire extinguishers, fire hose, nozzles, couplings, valves, and related interior equipment, along with pre-engineered fire suppression systems. **Associate members** are suppliers of extinguishing agents and component parts used specifically by fire equipment manufacturers.

Membership is organized into three divisions, representing specific product lines.

1. Portable Division members manufacture portable fire extinguishers.
2. Systems Division companies manufacture pre-engineered fire suppression systems, companion detection devices, and related hardware.
3. Fire Hose and Interior Division members manufacture fire hose and related products and manufacture nozzles, couplings, valves, and related interior building fire protection equipment.

Balanced Fire Protection



The Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association believes that balanced fire protection is the only solution to achieving adequate fire safety conditions in all commercial structures. The balanced fire protection campaign is founded on the NFPA premise that “safety to life does not rely on one single safeguard.”

The multiple components—portable fire extinguishers, standpipe fire hose stations, and suppression systems—must work together within a balanced fire protection plan to provide the first line of defense against a fire in the early stages.

The association has created numerous educational and marketing materials on the subject of balanced fire protection, all of which are available to its membership. The balanced fire protection message has been featured in numerous magazines, newsletters, and websites in support of the campaign's efforts to **save lives and protect property**.

To see more of what membership provides, visit:
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