

Brakes cause bus fire; no injuries

Daily World, Opelousas, LA, March 12th 2010

When school bus driver Mike McBride began to smell something burning, he pulled into the parking lot of Kappy's Korner to check for signs of fire. A brake caliper had frozen up and was overheating. McBride got all of the children off the bus, and then fought the blaze with a fire extinguisher.

According to Tina Savant with Kappy's Korner Flea Market, McBride "was really rushing to get those kids off the bus before the fire got bad. He did a really good job." The school bus fire caused no injuries. "It is what we are trained to do," McBride said.

Truck driver rescues fellow motorist from fuel tank fire

Penton Insight, Little Rock, AR, March 10th 2010

On October 7, 2009, Jesse Lee Seal was driving an 18-wheeler southbound on Interstate 530 near Little Rock, AR when another truck ahead of him abruptly swerved left, went across the median and the northbound lanes, and came to a stop on the opposite embankment. The truck lost a fuel tank, which then caught fire. Seal stopped his truck, grabbed his fire extinguisher, and ran across the lanes to extinguish the burning fuel tank. He then hurried to the disabled truck, opened the hot door, extinguished the fire that was burning the driver's legs, and cut the seat belt to remove the injured driver.

Oven fire in high school

1st Responder Broadcast Network, Williamsport, MD, January 2010

On January 22, 2010, a stovetop fire broke out in an oven in the home economics classroom at the Williamsport High School. The fire was caused by flammable materials left on top of the stove while food was cooking in the oven.

A student passing by the classroom discovered the fire and alerted a teacher. The teacher used a fire extinguisher to suppress the flames and another parent found another extinguisher and finished putting out the fire. Upon their arrival, the fire department confirmed that the fire was out and used high powered fans to clear the building of smoke.

There were no injuries reported by any students, teachers or firefighters but the oven unit was a loss. There were no other damages reported because of the fire.

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Fire/smoke alarm sounds



Suppression system activates



Sprinkler system activates



Fire department responds



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