

Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association

Saving Lives, Protecting Property

Cook-Out employees extinguish SUV fire in drive-thru

Marietta Daily Journal (Marietta, GA)

April 23, 2015

LITHONIA - Employees at a fast-food restaurant in suburban Atlanta saved a woman and others nearby after her SUV burst into flames in the drive-thru. When a customer's SUV suddenly turned off and caught fire in the Cook-Out restaurant's drive-thru, the woman ran into the restaurant for help. Fast-acting employees rushed out to the vehicle with fire extinguishers to quell the flames, which were under control before the fire department arrived.

"A little two-and-a-half-pound extinguisher can save your house."

- Richard Osterberg Jr.,
Chief, East Hampton, NY
Fire Department

Student, Staff Member Put Out Fire at Kennedy H.S.

KCRG TV-9 (Cedar Rapids, IA)

April 7, 2015

CEDAR RAPIDS - Quick thinking by a student and staff member kept a fire from doing significant damage at Cedar Rapids Kennedy High School Tuesday morning. Firefighters say a fluorescent light in the school's weight room failed and sparked a small fire. A student and staff member at the school grabbed a fire extinguisher and put out the small fire before firefighters arrived, after pulling the fire alarm to alert the school. The



Call fire department;
Announce fire/alert
others; Make sure
everyone is safe.



Defend
in place



Fire/smoke
alarm sounds



Suppression
system
activates



Sprinkler
system
activates



Fire
department
responds

situation was handled before firefighters arrived on scene and students were back in class 15 minutes after the fire alarm was pulled.

"A sound fire safety strategy has to include portable extinguishers. They can extinguish fires during the incipient stage before they are large enough to trigger a sprinkler or other suppression system. This helps to protect against property damage and the buildup of dangerous smoke."

- Joe Pierce, Retired Deputy Chief
Dallas, Texas Fire Department

Quick action with fire extinguisher prevents major damage in Saturday home fire

Pratt Tribune (Pratt, KS)

April 4, 2015

PRATT - Quick use of a fire extinguisher prevented major damage to a residence on South Mound one Saturday afternoon in Pratt in early April. The homeowners and their two children were at home when suddenly they smelled smoke. The mother of the children went outside to investigate and discovered a small fire on the corner of the back porch. Flames were climbing up the corner of the house towards the roof and a corner of the small wooden deck was burning. The homeowner grabbed a fire extinguisher and with help from a neighbor had the fire knocked down just as firefighters arrived, according to the town's fire chief. The fire was confined to just the corner of the house and the deck landing. There was no fire damage to the inside of the house and just a little smoke that was cleared with a fan.





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The Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association is the premier trade association representing leading brands, and spanning dozens of product categories related to fire protection. The Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association is comprised of four divisions represented by product categories: portable fire extinguishers, interior equipment, fire hose and pre-engineered suppression systems. These divisions work together in an effort to promote Layered Fire Protection, Life Safety and initial response when disaster strikes. Members of the Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association have formed a subgroup, the Government Relations Committee (GRC), to address legislative and regulatory issues relating to portable fire extinguishers and pre-engineered systems. The GRC's main goals focus on helping to educate officials by advancing a layered fire safety philosophy that reflects the need for both sprinklers and portable extinguishers. This newsletter is published periodically to communicate to key members of the fire services and code officials on the importance of layered fire safety and the role that special application fire suppression systems and portable extinguishers play.