

Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association

Saving Lives, Protecting Property

Truck driver to be honored for aiding in rescue

Fort Worth Star Telegram - Fort Worth, TX
February 20, 2014

Glancing in his rear-view mirror, a Burleson truck driver saw an out-of-control pickup heading toward him. While the trucker quickly steered out of the way on an icy Interstate 20 near Abilene, the pickup crashed into a retaining wall, struck two other vehicles, and landed upside down before catching fire. Without hesitation, the truck driver called 911 and ran toward the burning vehicle, in which the driver was trapped and screaming for help. Another motorist tossed the truck driver a fire extinguisher, which he used to knock down the flames. Emergency workers soon arrived and extracted the pickup truck driver, who survived the accident. The truck driver, who said that there wasn't enough time to wait on emergency crews to address the fire, will be honored as a "Highway Angel" by the Truckload Carriers Association. The award recognizes truck drivers for their kindness, courtesy and courage while on the job.

"Portable extinguishers and extinguishing systems are vitally important pieces of a comprehensive fire safety strategy. Studies have indicated that most will attempt to extinguish an incipient fire, and portable fire extinguishers should be their tool of choice."

- Adolf Zubia, President
Fire & Life Safety Section, IAFC

Chippewa Falls school fire causes little damage

Leader Telegram - Chippewa Falls, WI



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

February 11, 2014

A small fire Tuesday morning at Chippewa Falls High School caused less than \$100 in damages. The fire started just before 8 a.m., when maintenance workers in the building noted smoke coming from the art room. School staff members discovered a small flame coming from a heater under a window and used a fire extinguisher to put out the fire, authorities said. Nobody was harmed during the incident, and classes then resumed as normal.

Fire department responds to kitchen fire

Elko Daily Free Press - Elko, NV

February 10, 2014

The Elko Fire Department responded to a kitchen fire at an Enfield Avenue home on Monday. After a report of smoke coming from the front door of the house, firefighters arrived on the scene within minutes. The residents, who were already out of the house by the time firefighters arrived, said they heard a pop near their built-in oven. When they went to investigate, smoke and flames were coming out from around the stove. The man used a fire-extinguisher to knock down the flames while his wife called 911. Once the flames were out, he turned off the power to the home. No one was injured. In this case, the residents did everything right, limiting the damage to their home, according to the fire marshal.

"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 contains fire at Union Township home

Republican Herald - Union Township, PA

February 10, 2014

Quick action by a Union Township homeowner and a quick response by firefighters kept the damage from a Sunday afternoon fire to a minimum. Firefighters were called to the home on Wolf Road about 2:30 p.m. for a reported structure fire. The home sustained minimal damage because the homeowner used a dry chemical fire extinguisher to help contain the fire and then quickly called the fire department, authorities said. The resident used the extinguisher that helped slow the fire down until volunteers arrived. The cause of the fire was determined to be electrical in nature and accidental. Firefighters managed to keep the fire to the area where it originated, with minimal damage to the rest of the home. Lost Creek EMS was on scene but no injuries were reported, the chief said.



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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.