

Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association

Saving Lives, Protecting Property

Moving crew helps save woman's life after rollover crash

KPLR (St. Louis, MO)

February 2, 2015

SUNSET HILLS - On their way back to the office after a job, 3 members of a moving crew witnessed a woman lose control of her car which slid off the road, rolled over and caught fire. The crew immediately pulled over and while one of them called 911, the other grabbed a fire extinguisher from their truck, putting out the car fire. Firefighters were called to the scene to remove the woman from the vehicle. She is expected to make a full recovery. The fire extinguisher played a critical role - the woman's mother later reported that the car's gas tank had been completely full at the time of the crash.

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

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

Canton town employees help save Lisbon couple from house fire

Watertown Daily News (Jefferson County, NY)

January 29, 2015

LISBON - One bitter cold morning last week, two Canton town employees travelling to work spotted trouble at a home along their route to work. One of the workers saw 3-foot-high flames shooting from the chimney and pulled into the driveway, beeping his horn to wake up anyone inside. After banging on the door he managed to get the elderly residents out of the home to safety. Using 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

home's fire extinguisher the town employee doused the majority of the fire while waiting for firefighters to arrive. No one was hurt in the incident and damage to the home was minimal.

Man saves elderly woman from fire at Phoenix apartment

Mail Tribune (Medford, OR)

January 25, 2015

PHOENIX, OR - A local man helped put out a fire and rescue his neighbor after a smoldering cigarette ignited the elderly woman's mattress. After hearing the fire alarm, neighbors rushed to the scene with a fire extinguisher and managed to put out the flames. Firefighters arrived quickly on the scene but the fast acting neighbors had already extinguished the fire, avoiding a potentially tragic outcome according to the town's fire chief. No one was hurt in the blaze and fire damage was minimal.

"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

Ex-firefighter, son save woman and baby from burning home

WSOCTV (Charlotte, NC)

January 22, 2015

DALLAS, NC - A Dallas mother and her 2-month-old son escaped from a burning home Thursday thanks to the quick actions of two neighbors. A former firefighter and his son noticed heavy smoke when they got home and immediately rushed to action. The two kicked down the door and woke up mother and son who had fallen asleep. The neighbors used a fire extinguisher and put out the flames in the kitchen. Firefighters arrived quickly to the scene to complete the job and neither mother nor son was hurt in the blaze.



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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.