

Extinguisher used to put out kitchen fire in house near Oakland

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An extinguisher was used to contain and put out a kitchen fire late Sunday afternoon in a house along Illinois Route 133 about a mile west of Oakland. Assistant Chief Kyley Willison of the Oakland Fire Department said the fire started at approximately 4 p.m. after the occupant of the house forgot that the kitchen stove was turned on and the items on top of the stove caught fire. He said flames engulfed the stove and spread to adjacent cabinets before the occupant was able to extinguish the fire. Willison said Oakland firefighters were dispatched to the scene, where they subsequently removed the charred stove from the kitchen. Firefighters were on scene for about an hour.

"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, Former South Carolina State Fire Marshal

Deputy Honored For Extinguishing Fire

The Journal Times- Racine County, WI
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Racine County Sheriff Christopher Schmaling has honored a deputy this week for going "above and beyond" the call of duty to put out a house fire in the Town of Raymond on April 10. The RASO Challenge Coin award was presented to Deputy Mark Blicharz at Tuesday's Raymond Town Board meeting, according to a Sheriff's Office media release. Blicharz, a 16-year veteran of the Sheriff's Office, was recognized for using the fire extinguisher from his squad car to quickly extinguish a dryer fire at a house. Blicharz's quick response resulted in the safety of the family and minimal damage to the house, according to the release.

Pittsfield children, mother save house from burning

Berkshire Eagle Staff report- Pittsfield, MA
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One Pittsfield family is safe and sound as the result of a group effort between a mother and two children to report and put out a fire on Tuesday night. According to a preliminary report from the Pittsfield Fire Department a fire apparently broke out in a bathroom ceiling-mounted light and fan fixture. Firefighters say a 3-year-old began crying because of the fire which alerted the child's older sister, age 10 to alert and tell her mother to call 9-1-1. The mother did so, then grabbed a home fire extinguisher and put the fire out. Deputy Fire Chief Mark Cancilla reported that a first



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

response team from the department arrived to ensure that the fire was completely out. No one was injured during this incident.

"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, Deputy Chief, Dallas, Texas Fire Department

Three dogs rescued from burning truck at Walmart

Times-News Staff Writer- Henderson, NC

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An off-duty Hendersonville Police Department K-9 officer was loading his vehicle with groceries early Tuesday afternoon in the parking lot of Walmart when he heard a commotion several cars away. "Everyone kept hollering to get the dogs out," Sgt. Jimmy Case said. He then saw people around an older-model Ford F-250 truck with flames coming from the hood and smoke filling the cab, which held three dogs. Bystanders and store employees opened the unlocked door and let the two younger dogs, siblings Buddy and Ellie, out of the truck, but 14-year-old Ned didn't budge. "That old dog wouldn't jump out," said Case, who had to grab Ned out of the cab. A Walmart employee and a shopper grabbed fire extinguishers and quickly put out the engine fire. The owner of the truck was grateful for the good Samaritans who saved his dogs. "I think it's wonderful," said Jay Jones, who was in the store when the fire broke out. "The dogs are my life." Case has been a K-9 officer for 13 years and his partners are Zoro, a German Shepherd, and a bloodhound named Dixie. Fire officials said an electrical malfunction caused the fire.



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