

Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association

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Good Samaritans put out fire with extinguisher

ABC 7 (Idyllwild, CA)

July 26, 2018

IDYLLWILD, CA - A group of good Samaritans extinguished a fire that was starting to spread near the already destructive Cranston Fire in Riverside County, CA. Two coworkers were on their way to work when they spotted the fire just off the side of the road. They pulled over and started to flag down other cars. One of the other people who pulled over had a portable fire extinguisher, which the group used to put out the flames. Authorities determined that the fire was started intentionally and had a suspect in custody. [\[Read more\]](#)



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

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



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



Defend
in place



Fire/smoke
alarm sounds



Suppression
system
activates



Extinguisher puts out television fire

Fox 45 News (Lancaster, PA)

July 29, 2018

LANCASTER, PA - A Lancaster man went to bed early one Sunday morning and left his flat screen TV on playing music with a timer to shut it off after an hour. Instead, the man woke up to the TV on fire on a table at the foot of the bed. The home's smoke alarms woke two other people up, who were able to use a portable fire extinguisher to put out the flames. The fire was extinguished before the fire department arrived and the man who left the TV on was treated for smoke inhalation. [\[Read more\]](#)



"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

Truck driver extinguishes road side fire

The Durango Herald (Oxford, CO)

July 12, 2018

OXFORD, CO - A truck driver travelling along Colorado Highway 172 spotted a roadside fire that was caused by a hot piece of equipment that fell off of a broken down car. The truck driver immediately stopped and used a portable fire extinguisher to reduce the size of the flames until the fire department could arrive. Several other drivers on the road pulled over as well to assist the truck driver. The fire chief said that the fire burned "about half to three-quarters of an acre," but could've been much worse. [\[Read more\]](#)





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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.