

# Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association

## Saving Lives, Protecting Property

### Midday Car Fire on Broad St. Brings out Police, Fire Dept. Emmaus Patch, September 27, 2011

Emmaus, PA- A college student traveling home from classes acted quickly when he realized that a fire had ignited beneath the hood of his late-model Cadillac. When he pulled over to try and figure out what was going on, flames shot up quickly and spread throughout the front portion of the vehicle. A passerby assisted him with a hand-held fire extinguisher that delayed the fire long enough for police and fire fighters to arrive. The fire was extinguished just before spreading to an elm tree that was hanging above the vehicle.

*"Portable extinguishers and extinguishing systems are vital aspects of a comprehensive fire safety strategy. Allowing for a tradeoff where extinguishers are not required throughout buildings if they are protected with other technologies ignores the importance of redundancy and does not recognize the value of portable extinguishers"*

- Alan Shuman, Former Georgia State Fire Marshal  
Past President, National Association of State Fire Marshals

### Neighbors battle house fire in SE Portland Fox 12 Oregon, October 3, 2011

PORTLAND, OR - Fire investigators said two neighbors helped stop a fire from spreading in a home in Southeast Portland late Sunday night. Portland firefighters were called to the home at just before 11 p.m. Investigators discovered two women who live nearby had earlier grabbed a fire extinguisher and helped stop the flames from spreading.

*"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, Dallas Fire & Rescue Department  
Chair, Fire and Life Safety Section  
International Association of Fire Chiefs



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

## Neighbor Credited With Saving 70-Year-Old From House Fire

Channel 5 News, March 14, 2011

FRANKLIN, TN. - A quick thinking neighbor is being credited for rescuing a 70-year-old woman from her burning home. Police said Steve King was taking his dog for a walk when he noticed smoke coming from the carport across the street. 70-year-old Valerie White was asleep inside the home, and he knocked on the door until she woke up and was able to get out of her house safely. Firefighters said King used a fire extinguisher to fight the fire until crews arrived on the scene. Fire crews said that likely helped stop the blaze from spreading inside the house. The damage was limited to the outside of the house.



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### Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association 101

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 Balanced 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 balanced 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 balanced fire safety and the role that special application fire suppression systems and portable extinguishers play.