

Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association

Saving Lives, Protecting Property

Small Fire at Atkins High School Put Out by Teacher

Camel City Dispatch (Winston-Salem, NC)

October 2, 2014

WINSTON-SALEM - On Wednesday, a teacher at Atkins high School put out a fire that began in one of the school's chemistry labs. The fire began when a gas valve flared up during a chemistry experiment. The teacher put the fire out with a fire extinguisher, averting major damage before firefighters arrived. The school evacuated for about 30 minutes, before firefighters deemed the building as safe for return. Nobody was injured in the incident.

"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

Drive-By Hero: Man Driving Past Home Fire Steps In

Ottumwa Evening Post (Ottumwa, IA)

October 1, 2014

OTTUMWA - A passerby can be hailed a hero, after he potentially saved a house from burning down. An electrical fire broke out at a residence and a man, driving past the home, noticed the flames. The man immediately jumped from the car with a fire extinguisher and addressed the crisis. The fire was put out quickly, and firemen checked the home's walls to make sure flames had not spread. With no signs of spreading, the Ottumwa Fire Department handed the scene over to Alliant Energy for repairs from electrical damage. Nobody was injured. 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

Assistant Fire Chief stated that the passerby's quick action was what kept the damage to a minimum.

Quick-thinking UPS driver douses flames after head-on crash

Portsmouth Herald (Portsmouth, NH)

September 29, 2014

NEWFIELDS - A UPS driver had just made a pick up and was at the end of a driveway when he saw two vehicles hit head on. The driver immediately jumped into action after the accident involving a Hyundai and a Jeep. When the Hyundai caught fire, the driver grabbed a fire extinguisher from his truck. The driver rushed over to the accident scene, checked on the driver and his female passenger in the Hyundai, and used the extinguisher to put out the flames before the blaze got out of control. The flames were extinguished before firefighters arrived. The drivers involved in the accident suffered minor injuries and were evaluated at the hospital, released shortly thereafter. The UPS driver stated that he has replaced the fire extinguisher in his truck just in case he finds himself in an emergency.

"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

Children evacuated after preschool catches fire

St. George News (St. George, UT)

September 22, 2014

ST. GEORGE - Between 60 and 70 children were evacuated from their classrooms when a local preschool caught fire. The St. George fire chief said the fire was caused by a florescent light that failed and caught

fire. Staff at the preschool quickly deployed a fire extinguisher and put out the fire before units arrived at the scene. Three engines were called to the scene, and a few more were on their way along with a ladder truck but were canceled after the first three arrived. Fire crews went into the building, found the cause of the fire and shut off the power to the affected classroom. No one was injured during the incident.



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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.