

Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association

Saving Lives, Protecting Property

Fire above Salem Summit Company extinguished by employee

Statesman Journal (Salem, OR)

March 31, 2015

SALEM - When a small mattress fire broke out in an apartment above the Salem Summit Company, a quick thinking employee was able to avert disaster by using a fire extinguisher. When the fire began, the employee suddenly smelled something "acrid" and looked up to see smoke coming from the windows above the store. "I grabbed the fire extinguisher, ran up the stairs and emptied it onto the mattress," the employee said. "The firefighters said if I [had not] put it out, it would have been a lot worse." No one was hurt during the incident and there was minimal damage to the apartment's bedroom.

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

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

Wilbraham restaurant sustains smoke damage after fire

WSHM (Springfield, MA)

March 30, 2015

SPRINGFIELD - Shortly after 3:00PM Monday a fire broke out in the office of a restaurant in Wilbraham. A quick-thinking employee was able to extinguish most of the flames with a fire extinguisher while waiting for firefighters to arrive. Due to the employee's quick action,



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

damage from the flames was minimal and the restaurant is expected to reopen quickly.

Owner helps save home

Post Star (Glens Falls, NY)

March 8, 2015

GRANVILLE - A quick-thinking homeowner may have saved his own house, according to the Granville Fire Chief. "The homeowner called, because there was a fire in the wall and smoke in the house," the chief said. "He thought it was because of the pellet stove, so he pulled the stove out and used an extinguisher on the fire. That really helped us out" said the fire chief. The fire chief later reported that the homeowner's use of a fire extinguisher most likely saved the home. Damage from the fire was minimal and the house remained in livable condition thanks to the use of a fire extinguisher.

"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

Hero on the highway: Windermere resident pulled 1-year-old from burning car

West Orange Times and Observer (Winter Garden, FL)

March 5, 2015

LOUISVILLE - A truck driver is one of three finalists who Goodyear honored on March 26th in Louisville, Kentucky. Last August, the driver was on Interstate 10 when a 51-year-old woman did not yield to a fuel truck while entering the highway, hitting the truck near its fuel tank and spinning out of control while fuel spilled across the road. Flames began to engulf the car. The driver quickly jumped out of his truck with his fire extinguisher and extinguished the flames on his way to the car. The

driver and the one year old had only minor injuries and the truck driver was able to pull them to safety since the flames were extinguished. "People are afraid of big trucks, but a lot of time, we're the first to help you," the driver said. "We've got a fire extinguisher on our trucks; if I didn't have a fire extinguisher, I couldn't have gotten to them." His heroic action avoided a possible disaster as the fuel was at risk of exploding.



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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.