

Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association

Saving Lives, Protecting Property

Residents of Rochester home evacuated after kitchen fire

KTTC (Rochester, MN)

July 21, 2015

ROCHESTER, MN - An unattended pan on a stove caused a grease fire in the kitchen of a Rochester home on Tuesday, July 21st, forcing the residents to evacuate the building. The fire department responded, but found upon arriving that a resident had been able to put out the flames with a fire extinguisher. "The occupants acted appropriately they got out of the building. One of the residents grabbed the fire extinguisher and knocked it down before it got any worse," the Acting Captain of the Rochester Fire Department reported. No one was injured during the incident, and the residents will be able to return to their home.

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

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

Kitchen fire temporarily closes Spring Hill McDonalds

10 News WTSP (Tampa Bay, FL)

July 19, 2015

SPRING HILL, FL. - Employees at a McDonalds in Spring Hill successfully contained a fire that started in the restaurant's kitchen on Sunday, July 19th. The fire was started by an electrical short in the fryer, and the employees, after ensuring the customers' safe evacuation of the building, used fire extinguishers to knock down the blaze and contain it to the frying unit. When the fire



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

department arrived, they reported that only light smoke remained. As a result of the employees' quick response, only two injuries were sustained due to smoke inhalation, and property damage was limited to the effects of the smoke and the fire extinguisher discharge.

Kitchen fire damages northwest Bakersfield apartment

Bakersfield Californian (Bakersfield, CA)

July 16, 2015

BAKERSFIELD, CA - On the morning of Thursday, July 16th, Kern County firefighters received a call for an apartment fire in Bakersfield. The fire occurred after the tenant of the apartment, who had cooked potatoes on the stove earlier in the day, mistakenly turned off the wrong burner, and the resulting grease fire caused damage to the stove and the area around it. Thankfully, the facility manager of the apartment complex was able to extinguish the fire with a fire extinguisher, preventing the fire from spreading to the walls or to the surrounding apartments.

"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

Fire Reported At Vikings Stadium Construction Site

CBS Minnesota (Minneapolis, MN)

July 10, 2015

MINNEAPOLIS, MN - A plume of smoke rose from the construction site of the new Vikings Football Stadium in Minneapolis early Friday morning. Workers were welding various pieces of the stadium on ladders when sparks flew and caught fire to insulation on the ground close by. Acting quickly, the workers extinguished the fire and prevented it from spreading and doing significant damage to the project. No one was injured and work continued immediately after.



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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.