

## 91-year-old puts out kitchen fire with extinguisher

York Daily Record (York, PA)

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YORK, PA - Back in August of this year, a 91-year-old resident of York, PA rushed to her neighbor's apartment with a portable fire extinguisher after being alerted to a kitchen fire. Neighbors recounted that the 91-year-old confidently grabbed the portable fire extinguisher from the apartment building hallway and put out the kitchen fire. Even more impressive was that the elderly woman was able to extinguish the flames despite her already failing health; she passed away from congestive heart failure in September. The City of York posthumously honored her with the creation of the Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award in her name for community members who go above and beyond in providing extraordinary service for the safety and well-being of their community, just as she did in August. [\[Read more\]](#)



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

- Richard Osterberg Jr.,



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



## Bystander uses fire extinguisher after a car crash

KTUL ABC 8 (Tulsa, OK)

November 20, 2017

TULSA, OK - A bystander who witnessed a car hit another vehicle before crashing into an apartment complex was able to save the life of the driver and prevent any further property damage. The car was travelling along a highway when it struck an SUV, went off the highway and drove through a median before hitting the apartment complex, which caused it to catch fire. Firefighters said that the bystander then grabbed a nearby portable fire extinguisher and ran over to the car to put out the fire. No one was injured as a result of the crash or the fire. [\[Read more\]](#)



*"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

## Fire officials praise teacher and student for quick action regarding fire

The Journal Times (Racine, WI)

November 9, 2017

RACINE, WI - The Racine Fire Department is crediting a Horlick High School student and teacher with quick action to extinguish a trash can fire inside the school theater one morning. Officials said a student discovered a small fire inside a trash can in the theater, then notified his teacher and

activated the fire alarm. The teacher put the fire out with a portable fire extinguisher, which allowed for the fire to be contained within the trash can. "This is a great example of if you see something, say something," Fire Department officials said. "Quick thinking and action prevented a possible disaster." [\[Read more\]](#)



### **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 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.