Employee Saves Senator’s Office

March 21, 2012- Fort Worth, Texas, NBCDFW.Com

A man lit several firebombs outside the Fort Worth office of state Sen. Wendy Davis on Tuesday, startling two staff members who opened the door to find flames shooting in the air, the senator’s spokesman said. No one was injured, and Davis was not in the office at the time. An employee put out the fire with an extinguisher, said Anthony Spangler, the senator’s spokesman.

The man fled across the street, according to witnesses. "Politics is always very heated," Spangler said. "We don't know if this has anything to do with politics. We'll know a lot more when police and fire identify a suspect."

“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, South Carolina State Fire Marshal

MN/DOT Drivers Hailed as Heroes

February 16, 2012- Albert Lea, MN, ABC 6 News

Two Mn/DOT plow drivers are being called heroes for what they did after an accident this week on Interstate 90.

Cody was driving on slick roads when he rear ended a plow on I-90 near Albert Lea. Plow driver Curt Broughten was quick to react, "I told him to call in, I'd been hit, about the time I saw flames coming up under the hood. I stopped and figured I could grab the fire extinguisher and I could run faster than guide that truck back." He called for backup, which wasn't far behind. "The guy was in there, we could hear him in pain and so our number one goal was to put the fire out," said the other plow driver, Tom Johnson. They did that, but Cody was still trapped. Rescue crews used the jaws of life to free Cody. Amazingly, he made it out with just cuts and bruises.
"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

Duncan Seguin, Bethesda teen, honored for saving his school

March 21, 2012- Bethesda, MD, News Channel 8

A Bethesda teen helped save his school when a fire broke out in Churchill High School’s auditorium. Duncan Seguin grabbed a fire extinguisher to delay the flames from spreading. Firefighters descended on Churchill High while frightened students waited for word about their school and other people. First responders got some help. Seguin and his buddy grabbed a fire extinguisher and went to work ahead of firefighters. An electrical problem ignited the curtain in the auditorium. Seguin fears if he hadn’t doused it, the damage would have been much worse. "It could have caught other things on fire," he says. "And the auditorium itself is flammable and we have a bunch of fabric seats, so it could have ended really badly at the time."