

Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association

Saving Lives, Protecting Property

Fire at home on Central Avenue West quickly extinguished

KRTV (Great Falls, MT)

July 10, 2015

GREAT FALLS, MT - A fire in a trailer home in Great Falls on the afternoon of Friday, July 10th was extinguished thanks to the quick actions of the owners. According to firefighters, the fire was most likely caused by a malfunctioning electrical outlet, which ignited flames on nearby window drapes in the living room. The owners were able to douse most of the flames with a fire extinguisher shortly after the fire started, allowing the Great Falls Fire Rescue team to easily finish off what little remained of the fire when they arrived.

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

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

Apartment Fire in Millers Falls

22News, WWLP (Springfield, MA)

June 30, 2015

MILLERS FALLS, MA - A fire in a Millers Falls apartment complex on Tuesday, June 30th forced one tenant out of his apartment. According to the Fire Captain of nearby Turner's Falls, whose fire department responded to the call, by the time the fire crews arrived, another resident had used a fire extinguisher to put out "a considerable amount of the fire". The fire department then finished the job, extinguishing the fire before it had a chance to spread and cause further damage to the apartment complex.



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

Crews called to fire at Morningstar care facility in Oswego, 1 injured

Syracuse.com (Syracuse, NY)

June 17, 2015

OSWEGO - Staff members at the Morningstar Residential Care Facility in Oswego, New York are being credited with extinguishing a fire that started in a kitchenette at the facility. The fire started when the stove in the kitchenette was accidentally turned on, catching some nearby items on fire. The staff members discovered the fire when they smelled smoke and rushed to the kitchenette. The area began to fill with smoke, but a staff member knocked down the flames with a fire extinguisher, and when the fire department arrived, they found the fire out.

"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

Framingham Employee Recognized For Extinguishing Memorial Building Fire

Framingham Patch (Framingham, MA)

June 17, 2015

FRAMINGHAM, MA - A Framingham code inspector, while working for the town Health Department, used a portable extinguisher to douse a small electrical fire in a light fixture in the town Memorial Building. The Memorial Building, built in 1926, houses a majority of the town's municipal offices. Framingham's town manager, whose office is also located in the Memorial Building, said that had the fire not been extinguished so quickly and reached the attic, it could have been devastating, saying that the inspector "really saved the day".



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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.