Heroic Florida man rushes into neighbor's home and fights fire

CBS Miami (Miami, FL)

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Deerfield Beach, FL- A Deerfield home is still standing thanks to a Good Samaritan's quick actions after he was alerted to a fire by his neighbor's calls for help. Once he spotted the plumes of smoke, he swiftly snagged the re-breather mask he uses for his job as a pest control technician and a portable fire extinguisher. Once inside, he found that the kitchen dishwasher was on fire. He smothered most of the flames with the extinguisher until fire crews arrived on scene. There were no injuries as a result of the fire. The Good Samaritan told fire fighters that as soon as they left, he planned on driving "to Costco to get a new fire extinguisher." [Read more]
Man with fire extinguisher saves auto shops from fire damage
NBC SanDiego (San Diego, CA)

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El Cajon, CA- A mechanic from Executive Auto saved not one, but two local businesses when he took control of a blaze along Interstate 8. The brush fire initially sparked on a nearby hill between the two auto shops, but was spreading fast. Spotting the flames, the man grabbed a portable fire extinguisher and went to work managing the flames until emergency crews could respond. The man's fellow employees insisted that he had prevented thousands of dollars' worth of customer vehicles from being torched. [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 extinguisher used to keep blaze under control
The Coeur d'Alene Press (Coeur d'Alene, ID)

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Post Falls, ID- Bystanders in Post Falls worked together to put out a quickly spreading fire caused by a tractor's trailer breaking. While the driver pulled over when he heard the noise of a part snapping off, he didn't initially spot the fire and drove away. The honks of other motorists alerted him to the fire. Motorists and a nearby homeowner worked as a team using portable fire extinguishers and a hose to control the fire until authorities arrived to completely put out to flames. All those involved left the scene without any injuries.  

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