

Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association

Saving Lives, Protecting Property

Teen uses extinguisher to prevent potential disaster

The Beaufort Gazette (Bluffton, SC)

July 5, 2019

Beaufort, SC- Recently, a fifteen year old girl became her family's savior when she prevented their home from going up in flames. While preheating the oven on a Friday night, the girl watched a spark catch the oven on fire. Swiftly, she grabbed a nearby portable fire extinguisher and smothered the growing blaze. Although smoke continued to fill the house as fire fighters arrived, the flames had been completely stamped out. Only the oven was damaged as a result of the fire. [\[Read more\]](#)



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

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



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

Car fire controlled with portable fire extinguisher

Summit, NJ Patch (Summit, NJ)

July 5, 2019

Summit, NJ- An employee at Overlook Medical Center relied on his fire safety training to manage a growing car fire that was outside of the building. In the early hours of the morning, the New Jersey man watched as a car burst into flames and dashed outside with a portable fire extinguisher. Recalling the safety training he had received through his employer, the man used a portable fire extinguisher to control the flames until professionals reported to the scene. As a result of his actions, no one was injured by 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
department
responds

Orange County corrections officer saves disabled man from fire

FOX35 Orlando (Orlando, FL)

July 8, 2019

Winter Park, FL- A local Florida man was given an award for saving his disabled neighbor from an apartment building blaze. Startled by the smell of smoke on a recent evening, the man immediately brought his son to safety. Upon learning that a disabled man was still inside the building, he rushed back to rescue him. The man then proceeded to use a portable fire extinguisher to control the flames until emergency crews arrived. While presenting the honor, the Fire Chief declared that this man's heroism prevented "a full-blown apartment fire with severe injury." [\[Read more\]](#)



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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.