

## Bus driver being called a hero after using a fire extinguisher

WMTV NBC 15 (Madison, WI)

January 13, 2017

MADISON, WI - A Metro Transit bus driver is being hailed as a hero after he rescued two women and an infant from a burning car. The bus driver said that it was just a regular shift, up until the moment the women pulled up to the bus and started asking for his help. He said that he could immediately smell the fire and burning rubber, and see smoke coming from the vehicle. The driver's side door would not open from the inside, so he opened it from the outside. He then woke up the second woman who was sleeping in the passenger's seat, grabbed the infant from the back seat, and then got them all away from the car. The bus driver then called dispatch, and used a portable fire extinguisher from the bus to keep the flames down until fire authorities arrived on the scene. No injuries were reported after the incident occurred. [\[Read more\]](#)



## Fire in New York Power Authority building put out with extinguisher

Watertown Daily Times (Massena, NY)

January 17, 2017

MASSENA, NY - A breaker box in the cellar of the New York Power Authority's (NYPA) building on Barnhart Island caused a small electrical fire to ignite. The breaker box had nothing to do with the switching yard, but NYPA employees acted quickly



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

regardless. They de-energized the impacted area, and used a portable fire extinguisher to get the flames under control before the Massena Fire Department arrived on the scene. The Massena Fire Chief said that NYPA employees had almost completely extinguished the fire when they arrived. A NYPA spokesman said that no injuries were reported and the power plant's operations were not impacted. [\[Read more\]](#)

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

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

## Fire extinguisher saves a health care facility

Carolina Coast Online (Morehead City, NC)

January 5, 2017

MOREHEAD CITY, NC - Morehead City fire authorities were called to the Carteret Health Care outpatient center after an employee discovered fire coming from an air vent in the bathroom. The Assistant Fire Chief told reporters that the facility's employees put their training to good work. Once the fire was discovered, the employee pulled the fire alarm, and then used a portable fire extinguisher to bring the fire under control. Meanwhile, the facility was evacuated by other employees, and fire authorities arrived on the scene to ensure the fire was completely extinguished. After an investigation, it was deemed that fire started due to an electrical issue. [\[Read more\]](#)



*"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

# Hospice center employee extinguishes fire

WANE (Fort Wayne, IN)

January 27, 2017

FORT WAYNE, IN - An employee at the SouthernCare Hospice center in Fort Wayne, Indiana discovered an outlet had caught fire in the facility. The fire was started due to an electrical short while the employee was using a plugged in vacuum. Officials reported that the fire was immediately put out with a fire extinguisher. The fire was extinguished before fire authorities arrived on the scene. No injuries or damage was reported as a result of the employee's quick action. [\[Read more\]](#)



## **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.