

## Zoo animals saved by portable fire extinguisher

Fox 10 (Litchfield Park, AZ)

December 22, 2016

LITCHFIELD PARK, AZ - All of the animals at the Wildlife World Zoo, Aquarium and Safari Park are safe after an electrical fire started in the otter exhibit. Two of the park's employees discovered the fire shortly after 7 a.m. The employees worked together to save the animals; while one employee put out the flames with a portable fire extinguisher, the other worked to evacuate the air-breathing animals. The fire was extinguished before fire crews arrived on the scene, and only minimal damage was reported. [\[Read more\]](#)



## Woman honored for halting living center blaze with fire extinguisher

Tahlequah Daily Press (Tahlequah, OK)

December 21, 2016

TAHLEQUAH, OK - The Tahlequah Fire Department honored an employee of the Grace Living Center for her bravery while extinguishing an attic fire earlier in the month. According to fire officials, a fire broke out in the attic of the living center, and due to proper training and quick action, the employee was able to put out the flames with a portable fire extinguisher. The Tahlequah Fire Chief said that the fire could have spread quickly and caused much more damage. No resident or staff injuries were reported. [\[Read more\]](#)



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

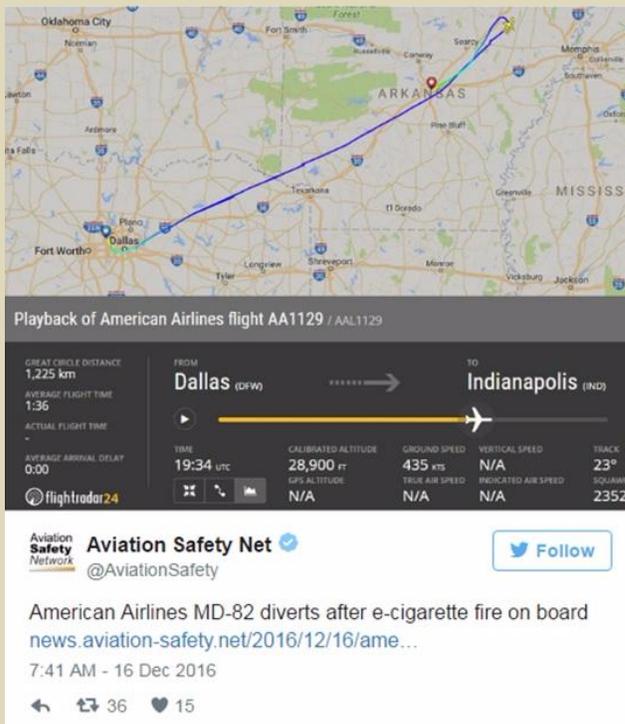
- Richard Osterberg Jr.,  
Chief, East Hampton, NY  
Fire Department

## Extinguisher puts out e-cig fire on American Airlines flight

RT News (Dallas, TX)

December 16, 2016

DALLAS, TX - An American Airlines flight from Dallas-Fort Worth, TX on route to Indianapolis, IN had to be diverted to Little Rock, AR after a passenger's e-cigarette caught fire in the airplane's restroom. Crew members responded swiftly by using a portable fire extinguisher to put out the flames. Passengers reported that while the flight attendants were able to extinguish the fire quickly, the plane still performed an accelerated decent to the Little Rock airport. None of the passengers or crew members were injured, and upon inspection, no damage to the plane was discovered. [\[Read more\]](#)



## School bus fire put out by portable fire extinguisher

McAlester News-Capital (McAlester, OK)

December 14, 2016

MCALESTER, OK - No students or school personnel were injured when a fire ignited underneath a school bus. Two

sisters, who were going to the school to pick up their nieces, discovered the fire and acted quickly to alert the bus driver. Once alerted, the bus driver evacuated the students from the bus, while the sisters and another bystander put out the flames with a portable fire extinguisher. Officials stated that all those involved in the incident acted exactly as they should have, and that the fire started after a battery cable shorted out near a transmission fluid leak. [\[Read more\]](#)



*"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

## Suspicious fire put out with portable extinguisher

Visalia Times-Delta (Visalia, CA)

December 24, 2016

VISALIA, CA - Visalia fire authorities labeled a small fire at the city's Target as suspicious after employees discovered the fire in the toilet paper aisle. A store employee put out the flames by using a portable fire extinguisher before fire crews arrived at the store. The employee was able to extinguish the fire before the store's fire sprinklers were activated, preventing a potential \$50 million loss of products. The actual estimated loss was reported to be \$350, but due to the suspicious nature of the fire, two engines and a battalion chief responded to the scene. [\[Read more\]](#)



### **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.