

Homeowner: neighbor's fire extinguisher saved my life and home

WITN (Winterville, NC)

June 19, 2017

WINTERVILLE, NC - Early one morning, a Winterville homeowner woke to a burning smell and the sound of a neighbor banging on his door alerting him to a fire on his house. The fire had started near a front entrance on the exterior of the home. Together, the neighbor and homeowner used a portable fire extinguisher to put out the flames. When the Red Oak Fire Department arrived at the house, only light smoke was seen coming from the house thanks to the quick actions of the duo. The cause of the fire was still under investigation, but the homeowner believes it was a wire that started the early morning fire. [\[Read more\]](#)



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

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

FedEx driver saves crashed motorist with fire extinguisher

TAP into Milltown/Spotswood (South Brunswick, NJ)

July 16, 2017

SOUTH BRUNSWICK, NJ - As a FedEx driver completed his



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

delivery route, he witnessed a car crash into a large rock and flip over. The FedEx driver then immediately pulled over and jumped into action. He ran to the flipped car and carefully helped remove the driver from the vehicle. He then noticed the vehicle had caught on fire so he returned to his truck, grabbed a portable fire extinguisher, and used it to put out the flames. While the police department arrived on the scene less than a minute after the crash, the FedEx driver had already saved the motorist and extinguished the fire. [\[Read more\]](#)



Motorized bicycle fire extinguished

WHAM ABC13 (Gates, NY)

July 12, 2017

GATES, NY - A 37-year-old man was riding a bicycle with a modified gas-propelled engine when he was hit by a vehicle turning left. The man then crashed and the bicycle's gas engine caught on fire. A passerby who witnessed the crash used a portable extinguisher to put out the fire. The bicyclist sustained head injuries as a result of the crash, but the fire was extinguished before anyone was hurt by it. [\[Read more\]](#)



"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 at technical school put out with extinguisher

Argus Leader (Sioux Falls, SD)

July 13, 2017

SIoux FALLS, SD - While construction crews were working at a Sioux Falls technical high school, they noticed a fire had ignited on the school's roof. After the crew reported the fire to authorities, they used a portable fire extinguisher to put out the flames. The Sioux Falls Fire Rescue team arrived to find the fire fully extinguished and assisted the school in cleanup efforts. The cause of the fire is unknown, but there were no injuries as a result. [\[Read more\]](#)



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.

