

Baby bottle warmer fire put out with fire extinguisher

WPBF-TV (Jupiter, FL)

February 27, 2017

JUPITER, FL - As a father of three young children went to check on his crying one-year-old, he discovered that the family's electric baby bottle warmer was on fire inside the infant's room. The father immediately removed the infant from his crib and put him in another room with his brothers. He then grabbed the portable fire extinguisher that the family kept in their house and ran to the infant's room. The father was able to use the fire extinguisher to completely put out the flames before they could spread. While the bottle warmer was completely unrecognizable once the fire was extinguished, the family did not suffer any injuries. [\[Read more\]](#)



Fire extinguisher stops flames at a middle school

WRCB-TV (Chattanooga, TN)

February 27, 2017

CHATTANOOGA, TN - Just before 8:00 in the morning, students at Dalewood Middle School were forced to evacuate after the school's resource officer discovered a fire in the cafeteria. The fire was caused by an electrical short in an outlet. The resource officer quickly grabbed a portable fire extinguisher and was able to put the flames out before the fire department arrived. The fire caused minimal damage to the building, with only electrical repairs being required. [\[Read](#)



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

more]

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

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

EMT's save 9 people with fire extinguisher

Fox 2 Detroit (Detroit, MI)

February 21, 2017

DETROIT, MI - The EMT's were first to arrive on the scene of a reported house fire. Fire crews were battling another fire and were not able to get to the second fire immediately. The two EMT's acted quickly, grabbing a portable fire extinguisher to knock down the flames before they worked to evacuate the family. At first, no one inside the house was responding to the EMT's as they knocked on the doors. Finally, when someone answered the door, they were able to evacuate all the residents, some of whom were children. The actions of the EMT's ensured that the fire did not spread beyond the front of the house and that no one was injured as a result of the fire. [\[Read more\]](#)



School bus driver saves home with fire extinguisher

KCEN TV (Copperas Cove, TX)

February 13, 2017

COPPERAS COVE, TX - A Copperas Cove maintenance employee was driving a school bus one morning when he spotted a quickly spreading yard fire. He immediately pulled over the bus, ensured the children were being supervised by the bus aide, and sprang into action. He first notified a neighbor, then grabbed the portable fire extinguisher from the

bus and proceeded to put out the flames before they could reach the home. Students on the bus later told reporters that he was a "bus driving, fire-fighting super hero." [\[Read more\]](#)

"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 save car crash occupants

WMC Action News 5 (Memphis, TN)

February 10, 2017

MEMPHIS, TN - Just before 10 p.m. on a Friday night, a bystander witnessed a car crash and catch on fire. The man said he could see that the fuel line was busted, so he quickly ran inside a nearby store and grabbed a portable fire extinguisher. He knew his priority had to be putting out the flames with the extinguisher. As a result of his actions, the fire did not spread and the first responders were able to remove the three people from the vehicle. The Memphis Police Department said all three people inside the vehicle were taken to the hospital in non-critical condition. [\[Read more\]](#)



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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.