

# Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association

*Saving Lives, Protecting Property*

## Neighbor with fire extinguisher saves the day after kitchen catches fire in Ypsilanti

Michigan Live (Ypsilanti, MI)

August 2, 2014

YPSILANTI - A neighbor with a fire extinguisher successfully put out an early-morning weekend kitchen fire in Ypsilanti. The Ypsilanti Fire Department was notified of the fire at about 3:30AM. All four occupants of the house were asleep at the time the fire started. The resident who discovered the fire and alerted the other residents had been sleeping on the ground level of the building. Once the resident alerted the three people sleeping upstairs, all four people evacuated the house. At this point, according to the YFD Fire Chief, a neighbor who realized what was happening came over with a fire extinguisher and successfully put out the fire. Upon arrival, the fire department ventilated and cleaned up the damage. The Fire Chief said there was no indication that a fire alarm went off, and that the residents were fortunate that one person woke up in time to catch the fire in its early stages.

*"Portable extinguishers and extinguishing systems are vitally important pieces of a comprehensive fire safety strategy. Studies have indicated that most will attempt to extinguish an incipient fire, and portable fire extinguishers should be their tool of choice."*

- Adolf Zubia, President  
Fire & Life Safety Section, IAFC

## Southport Workers Extinguish Car Fire

Star-Gazette (Elmira, NY)

August 1, 2014



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

SOUTHPORT - Two Southport Recreation Department workers are credited with preventing a major disaster, which involved a burning car at one of the town's major intersections. The workers extinguished a fire that broke out in the rear of a stalled car near the intersection. On this particular day, the two seasonal recreation department workers had been assigned to help plant bushes near that intersection, which was an unusual assignment. While digging for the bushes was taking place, the group doing yard work heard a car stall. Sparks were coming from the car's tailpipe each time the driver attempted to restart the engine. The driver, also a Southport resident, was unaware of the sparking until he was alerted by a passing motorist. The fire broke out as the driver was removing items from the trunk. One of the workers ran to the nearby town hall while the other ran to a hardware store, and both returned with fire extinguishers, as well as an employee from the hardware store. No one was injured.

*"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

## **Boaters Come to Rescue in Electrical Fire**

**Havasu News Herald (Havasu, AZ)**

July 30, 2014

HAVASU - Lake Havasu boaters lent a helping hand to extinguish a minor electrical fire in a Las Vegas man's boat and towed the boat to the shore of an island. About five minutes into the Las Vegas man's trip, the engine started smoking so the boater turned off his engine but could not find his fire extinguisher. Passing boaters noticed the problem and towed the boat to shore. Once the boat was anchored, the assisting boaters discharged their fire extinguisher into the engine compartment. After a quick investigation, firemen found that an electrical wire had made contact with the engine. The incident did not result in any injuries.



### **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.