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Arson suspected in minor fire at Walmart store

Winston-Salem Journal (Winston-Salem, NC)
June 15, 2014

WINSTON-SALEM - There was a recent scare at a local Walmart when a small fire in the women's sleepwear section caused about $150 in damage to clothing. The Fire Battalion Chief reported that at least one customer and an employee used a fire extinguisher to put out the flames before emergency services arrived. The fire was witnessed by many shoppers as they evacuated the building. One shopper reported that the situation could have been a lot worse had people not quickly acted and used the fire extinguisher. The Fire Chief also clarified that the fire certainly had the potential to be worse and that the employee and customer's quick action prevented significant additional damage from happening.

"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

Cab driver risks life to save crash victim from burning car

WKRN-TV 2 (Nashville, TN)
June 9, 2014

NASHVILLE - A Nashville cab driver risked his own life to save a woman from a burning car. While at a gas station, the cab driver witnessed a two-car collision, with one vehicle catching fire. The cab driver quickly reacted to the situation, immediately running over to help the driver of

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the burning vehicle out of the car. The cab driver then used a fire extinguisher, which the driver always kept in the trunk of the car, to put out the flames. Due to the quick action and use of a fire extinguisher, there were no serious injuries as a result of the crash. The cab driver also reported that he has used his fire extinguisher once before when a person's home caught fire.

"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

Garbage man puts out kitchen fire in Red Bluff during rounds

Red Bluff Daily News (Red Bluff, CA)

May 5, 2014

RED BLUFF - On Monday around 7:40AM, the Red Bluff Fire Department was dispatched to a home that was reportedly filled with smoke. The homeowner and her daughter found the fire in the kitchen and quickly fled the home. A Greenwaste employee on his normal route was then flagged down by the woman and daughter outside the home. The Greenwaste employee sprang into action and was able to douse the flames using a dry chemical fire extinguisher. The fire reportedly started in a pan containing cooking oil and spread to the kitchen cabinets above the stove. All occupants of the home escaped without injury.

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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.