

Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association

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Elementary school fire put out with extinguisher

The Daily Journal (Vineland, NJ)

January 18, 2018

VINELAND, NJ - Just as cafeteria workers were about to serve lunch at a New Jersey elementary school, the oven caught fire. Firefighters arrived at the school to find that fire had been put out thanks to a cafeteria worker and a fire extinguisher. Investigators determined that the fire was caused by an electrical issue. While the food was ruined, damage in the kitchen was contained to the oven. The food service provider for the elementary school told reporters that they prepare staff for emergencies during workshops and staff meetings. [\[Read more\]](#)



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

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

Homeowner uses fire extinguisher after car crash

CBS New York (Hillsdale, NJ)

January 23, 2018



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

HILLSDALE, NJ - Around 2 a.m. one morning, a New Jersey homeowner was woken up as a car crashed into her house. She told authorities that she heard a loud explosion, so she looked out her window, where she saw that the car was on fire and resting on her house. She immediately ran outside with a fire extinguisher to put out the flames while authorities were on route. Once authorities arrived, they ensured that the fire was out and then removed the man from his car. While the car was totaled, the driver did not suffer any serious injuries and the house only received minor damage. [\[Read more\]](#)



"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

Scare reveals importance of fire extinguishers

Times Daily (Sheffield, TN)

January 6, 2018

SHEFFIELD, TN - It started with a sudden pop in the kitchen, followed by a burning smell that the husband and wife homeowners could not locate. After searching their house for the source of the smell, they discovered smoke seeping from the cabinet door below the stove. That is when they found a fire that was growing in the cabinet. After calling 911, they used a fire extinguisher to put out the fire. In situations like this, according to the Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association, 95 percent of all property damage from fires occurs when the fire has progressed beyond its early stages. However, as a direct result of the couple's use of a fire extinguisher, the fire was contained to the cabinet area causing only minor damage. [\[Read more\]](#)



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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.