

## 3D printer fire at a high school put out with an extinguisher

Auburn Pub (Weedsport, NY)

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WEEDSPORT, NY- At Weedsport Junior-Senior High School, a fire began due to a malfunction with the school's 3D printer. While students were being evacuated from the building, a school staff member was able to put out the flames using a portable fire extinguisher before the local fire department arrived. The Superintendent applauded the personnel inside the school for utilizing the skills that they learned during fire safety drills. The school resumed classes once the area was deemed safe again, but closed off the three rooms that were impacted by the fire. The school also halted all use of 3D printers for the time being. [\[Read more\]](#)



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

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

## Airport fire halted by portable fire extinguisher



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

## WXXV 25 (Gulfport, MS)

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GULFPORT, MS- On an early Sunday morning at the Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport, a fire began in the baggage claim area of the building. This fire occurred after a piece of TSA equipment that is used to scan bags caught on fire, causing officials to evacuate the airport. Luckily, airport staff was able to use the portable fire extinguishers to put out the flames before the local fire department had a chance to arrive. There were no injuries or damage to any baggage in the airport and flight passengers were able to enter the building again after only 20 minutes. [\[Read more\]](#)



Fire  
department  
responds

*"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

## Staff puts out small fire at a retirement home with an extinguisher

KXII News (Denison, TX)

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DENISON, TX - Early in the morning, staff at the Crawford Street Place Assisted Living Center discovered a fire that was ignited due to a light fixture shorting out. The residents of the retirement home were quickly evacuated from the building to another center in Denison. The retirement home staff was able to assess the issue in the kitchen and put the flames out with a portable fire extinguisher before firefighters arrived on the scene. Due to the quick actions taken by the staff, nobody was hurt as a result of the fire. The occupants of Crawford Street Place were able to move back into their homes later that evening. [\[Read more\]](#)





### **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.