

# Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association

*Saving Lives, Protecting Property*

## Fire extinguisher used to stop a blaze at Denver Airport

CBS 4 Denver (Denver, CO)

February 23, 2018

DENVER, CO - A passenger's vaping device is being blamed for a fire that disrupted operations at Denver International Airport last month. According to a press release from the Denver Fire Department, the dissembled device was inside the passenger's travel bag when it caught fire as it passed through a TSA X-ray machine. The fire was quickly put out by TSA employees using a nearby portable fire extinguisher. While no one was injured as a result of the fire, the incident prompted officials to temporarily halt train service and security screening, causing significant delays throughout the airport.

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

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



Call fire department;  
Announce fire/alert  
others; Make sure  
everyone is safe.



Defend  
in place



Fire/smoke  
alarm sounds



Suppression  
system  
activates

## High school bathroom fire put out with extinguisher

NewsTimes (New Milford, CT)

February 26, 2018

NEW MILFORD, CT - Students at the New Milford High School had to be evacuated after two fires were discovered inside two of the boys' bathrooms. Teachers at the high school were able to put out the fires using portable fire extinguishers, which contained the fires to the toilet paper dispensers. The evacuation lasted for less than an hour and there were no injuries reported. Police investigated the scenes and determined that both fires had been deliberately set. [\[Read more\]](#)



*"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

## Cardboard fire contained by portable fire extinguisher

The Republic (Columbus, IN)

February 15, 2018

COLUMBUS, IN - Following a fire at an OfficeMax, the store manager told firefighters that it wasn't until he entered the rear stock area of the store, that he found smoke and a fire which had started in the cardboard-compactor machine. He then immediately warned the other store staff and used a portable dry chemical fire extinguisher to douse the flames. The manager was able to contain the fire until firefighters arrived and were able to extinguish the fire that was isolated in the back of the machine. Columbus firefighters determined the fire was caused by an electrical short near the compactor's motor, which ignited the cardboard below the motor. [\[Read more\]](#)



Sprinkler  
system  
activates



Fire  
department  
responds



### **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.