

## Fire Extinguisher Puts out Flames from E-Cig on Flight

Raven Radio Foundation (Ketchikan, AK)

October 30, 2016

KETCHIKAN, AK - An Alaskan Airlines flight from Seattle to Anchorage was delayed over five hours after a pair of E-cigarette batteries ignited in a passenger's backpack. A passenger who witnessed the event said that he saw the backpack start smoking and burst into flames as the plane readied for takeoff. Flight attendants acted quickly, using a fire extinguisher to stop the flames and putting the device in a fire proof bag. In statement by the airline, they said that they believe the batteries came into contact with metal keys and coins which caused it to spark. No injuries were reported and damage was limited to a small patch of the plane's carpet. [\[Read more\]](#)



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

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

## Extinguisher Stops Dryer Fire Bradford County Jail

News 4 JAX (Bradford County, FL)

October 25, 2016

BRADFORD COUNTY, FL- An on duty shift sergeant was



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

alerted to a dryer fire by inmates at the Bradford County Jail. The sergeant saw flames coming from the bottom of the dryer unit, so he used a portable fire extinguisher to put them out. The corrections officers extinguished the fire just as the Starke Fire Department arrived at the jail. The fire was contained to the laundry area and no evacuation of the jail was required. [\[Read more\]](#)



*"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

## **Military Veteran with Fire Extinguisher Hailed as a Hero**

WCNC.com (Charlotte, NC)

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CHARLOTTE, NC- As a retired military veteran was driving in his company van he spotted a car on the off-ramp that was on fire. He quickly made a U-turn to make his way back to the car. The veteran then grabbed the portable fire extinguisher that was in his work van and ran to the car. He and another person used the fire extinguisher to keep the flames down while they helped the woman from her car. Authorities stated that had the fire gotten any worse, the car could have exploded. [\[Read more\]](#)



### **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.