

Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association

Saving Lives, Protecting Property

Citizens reminded of why to have fire extinguishers

Southern Maryland News Net (California, MD)

April 24, 2019

CALIFORNIA, MD - A photographer for Southern Maryland News Net was in the right place at the right time. When the Bay District Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched to a residence on Nicholas Court for a kitchen fire, he was only one block away. After arriving a few moments later, the photographer found the home's occupants standing outside, where they told him they had attempted to put out the fire using a bag of flour, but were not successful. Luckily, the photographer had recently bought a portable fire extinguisher for his vehicle, and was able to use it to put out the rest of the flames, saving the family's home. [\[Read more\]](#)

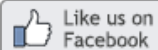


"A little two-and-a-half-pound extinguisher can save your house."

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

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



Defend in place



Fire/smoke alarm sounds



Suppression system activates

Suspicious package fire put out with extinguisher

Bay City News Service (Santa Rosa, CA)

April 25, 2019

SANTA ROSA, CA - The Santa Rosa Fire Department is investigating a package that suddenly burst into flames in an apartment building hallway as arson. The person who called the fire department told reporters that a package in the hallway of his apartment ignited and caused a fire. The building resident acted quickly, however, and put it out with a portable fire extinguisher. The burning package caused smoke stains and heat damage to the walls and ceiling of the hallway, but no one was injured as a result of the fire. [\[Read more\]](#)



"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."

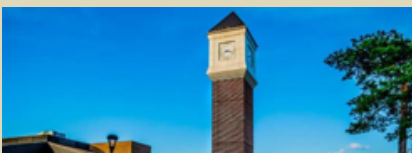
- Joe Pierce, Retired Deputy Chief
Dallas, Texas Fire Department

Sawdust to blame for small fire on campus

WILX News 10 (Lansing, MI)

April 24, 2019

LANSING, MI - Students at Lansing Community College were able to return to class after a fire broke out in the school's wood working shop. The fire department was called to the college after a fire was discovered and had started to fill a portion of the building with smoke. Thanks to the quick action of a staff member, the fire was put out using a portable extinguisher before they were able to arrive. The fire department determined that sawdust got into the external dust collector, where it smoldered and caught fire. [\[Read more\]](#)





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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.