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Bathroom fire and the portable extinguisher that could

The Islands' Sounder (Orcas Island, WA)
August19, 2019

Orcas Island, WA - Orcas Island Fire and Rescue was dispatched on Aug. 15 to a small fire located in a public restroom. The fire appeared to have been started by someone

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igniting a piece of toilet paper located in a plastic dispenser. Thanks to the ready location of a fire extinguisher and the quick work of an individual nearby, the flames were knocked down before extensive damage was done to the building. San Juan County Fire Marshal R.J. Myers commented that "its interventions such as this that show the importance of having extinguishers nearby, both in our homes and businesses." **[Read more]**

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

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

Hoverboard fire put out with portable extinguisher

Action News 4 (Pittsburg, PA)
August 17, 2019

New Castle, PA - A Pittsburg family woke late one Saturday night to find that a charging hoverboard had caught on fire in their home. The homeowner told fire authorities that the flames were up to the ceiling. The father of the family used a portable fire extinguisher to put out the fire. The fire was likely caused by the use a charger that was not sold with the hoverboard. No injuries were reported 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

Portable Extinguisher used in Elementary School Fire

TKX News (Bismarck, ND)
August 14, 2019

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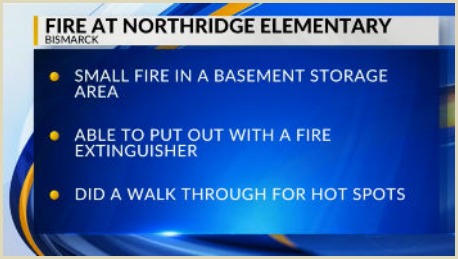
Northridge, ND - The Bismarck Fire Department was called to the Northridge Elementary School after a fire was reported in a basement storage area. However, a school employee was able to put out the flames using a portable fire extinguisher before the fire department arrived. There were no injuries and the damage was limited to the basement. Officials determined that the fire started on a stovetop in the basement and was ruled as accidental. **[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.