

Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association

Saving Lives, Protecting Property

Heroic Florida man rushes into neighbor's home and fights fire

CBS Miami (Miami, FL)

July 19, 2019

Deerfield Beach, FL- A Deerfield home is still standing thanks to a Good Samaritan's quick actions after he was alerted to a fire by his neighbor's calls for help. Once he spotted the plumes of smoke, he swiftly snagged the re-breather mask he uses for his job as a pest control technician and a portable fire extinguisher. Once inside, he found that the kitchen dishwasher was on fire. He smothered most of the flames with the extinguisher until fire crews arrived on scene. There were no injuries as a result of the fire. The Good Samaritan told fire fighters that as soon as they left, he planned on driving "to Costco to get a new fire extinguisher." [\[Read more\]](#)



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

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



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



Defend
in place



Fire/smoke
alarm sounds



Suppression
system
activates

Man with fire extinguisher saves auto shops from fire damage

NBC SanDiego (San Diego, CA)

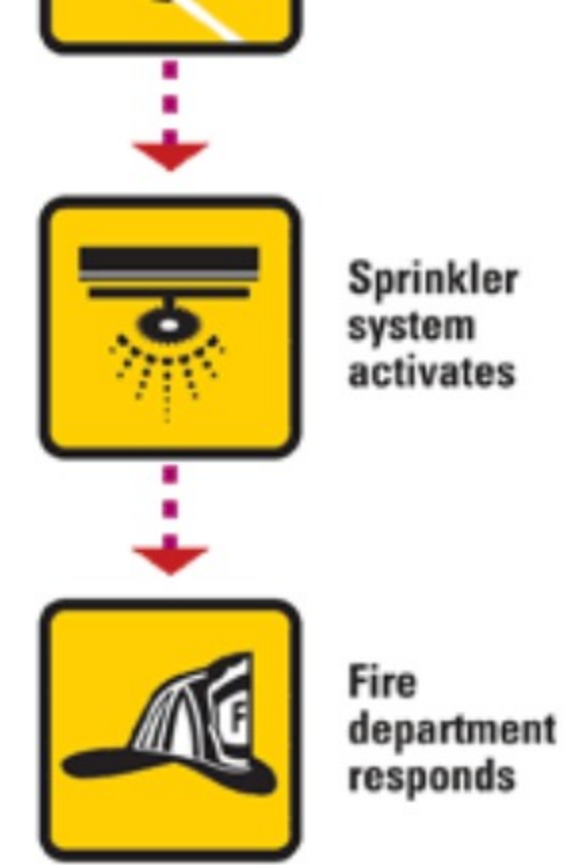
July 1, 2019

El Cajon, CA- A mechanic from Executive Auto saved not one, but two local businesses when he took control of a blaze along Interstate 8. The brush fire initially sparked on a nearby hill between the two auto shops, but was spreading fast. Spotting the flames, the man grabbed a portable fire extinguisher and went to work managing the flames until emergency crews could respond. The man's fellow employees insisted that he had prevented thousands of dollars' worth of customer vehicles from being torched. [\[Read more\]](#)



"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



Fire extinguisher used to keep blaze under control

The Coeur d'Alene Press (Coeur d'Alene, ID)

July 24, 2019

Post Falls, ID- Bystanders in Post Falls worked together to put out a quickly spreading fire caused by a tractor's trailer breaking. While the driver pulled over when he heard the noise of a part snapping off, he didn't initially spot the fire and drove away. The honks of other motorists alerted him to the fire. Motorists and a nearby homeowner worked as a team using portable fire extinguishers and a hose to control the fire until authorities arrived to completely put out the flames. All those involved left the scene without any injuries. [\[Read more\]](#)



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.