

## 3 Brothers Save The Day

**Patch: Across America (Arvada, CO)**

May 15, 2020

Arvada, CO - Three young brothers were playing in their yard in Colorado when they noticed a fire at their neighbor's house. Luckily the boy's father is a local firefighter, so they knew exactly what to do. They quickly alerted their mother to the fire and helped her locate the family's portable fire extinguisher. After ensuring the boys were a safe distance away, the mother then used the extinguisher to put out the fire before the fire department could arrive. The oldest boy was even able to draw pictures to help investigators pinpoint the source of the fire. [\[Read more\]](#)



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

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

## Middletown family averts disaster with smoke alarm and fire extinguisher

**Ashbury Park Press. (Middletown, NJ)**

May 5, 2020

Middletown, NJ - A smoke alarm and fire extinguisher staved off disaster for a family in the Middletown, NJ. The fire broke out in the home's laundry room, but the family was quickly alerted to it by their smoke alarm. While most of the family evacuated the home, one of the residents used a portable fire extinguisher to put out the flames. Fire crews arrived shortly later to inspect and ventilate the home. [\[Read more\]](#)



## Hoverboard fire put out with extinguisher

**Boston Globe (Kingston, MA)**

May 11, 2020

Kingston, MA - A fire broke out at a single-family home in Kingston, MA due to a charging hoverboard. The charging cord,



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

which was being used for the first time, caused the hoverboard's battery pack to explode. The residents put out the fire with a portable fire extinguisher on their own and reported the fire to authorities. While the house suffered some damage, 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**

## **New Jersey man puts out fire inside Walmart with extinguisher**

**The Grio (Cherry Hill, NJ)**  
May 14, 2020

Cherry Hill, NJ - While shopping, a man in Cherry Hill, NJ put out a fire in a Walmart. The man noticed the fire in the apparel section and grabbed a nearby portable fire extinguisher. Then, with the assistance of another shopper, used it to put out the flames. A spokesperson for the Walmart said that they are still unclear what the cause of the fire was, but they did credit the shopper with stopping the fire. [\[Read more\]](#)



### **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.