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High School fire put out with extinguisher

Troy Daily News (Troy, OH)

November 14, 2019

Tipp City, OH - A stage curtain at the Center for Performing Arts at the Tippecanoe High School caught fire this week. Due to the quick action of the school staff members who were on the scene, the fire was put out using a portable fire extinguisher prior to the fire department's arrival. It's believed to have been caused by radiant heat from the stage lighting. The damage



was contained to a small portion of the curtain and no injuries were sustained by anyone on the scene. [\[Read more\]](#)



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

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

Cider Mill reopens after fire put out by extinguisher

Binghamton Press and Sun Bulletin (Binghamton, NY)
November 13, 2019

Endicott, NY - The Cider Mill in Endicott caught fire one early morning this week. The fire was traced to an electrical outlet and when firefighters arrived on the scene, the staff had already been able to safely put it out with a portable extinguisher. Even though they had to close the shop for the day, no one was hurt and there was no damage to any of the property. With their large following in the community, customers were happy to hear that the fire was more of "an inconvenience and not a tragedy".

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"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**

Trash truck fire caused by batteries

JDNews.com, The Daily News (Jacksonville, NC)
November 14, 2019

Jacksonville, NC - A fire started in a sanitation truck due to lithium batteries being incorrectly disposed of. According to the N.C. Department of Environmental Quality, this type of battery disposal is illegal. When the batteries were pushed into the back of the truck with flammable waste, they combusted and a fire erupted. The sanitation workers in the truck noticed the fire and worked to control the fire using a portable extinguisher.



With help from the fire department, the fire was able to be completely doused and no one was harmed. Little damage to the truck was reported and it remains operational. [\[Read more\]](#)



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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.