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Boy Scout extinguishes apartment fire

Scouting Magazine (Orange County, CA)

September 6, 2018

ORANGE COUNTY, CA - Using the knowledge he learned from being a Boy Scout, an Orange County teenager was able to use a portable fire extinguisher to put out a fire in his apartment building. He was originally alerted to the fire by his neighbor shouting for help. The Scout immediately jumped into action by grabbing a portable fire extinguisher that was located in the buildings hallway and telling another neighbor to call 911. The Scout remembered his training, which was to "pull the pin in the handle, aim the nozzle at the fire's base, squeeze the lever and sweep from side to side." He was able to put out the flames before the authorities arrived. **[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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Teenager credited with extinguishing kitchen fire

KATU News (Lebanon, OR)

September 6, 2018

LEBANON, OR - A Lebanon teenager is credited with stopping a kitchen fire in his home after a pan of grease caught fire. The boy's mother has started cooking on the stove, but went outside and lost track of time. She then realized that there was smoke coming from the kitchen and ran back inside to attempt to halt the flames by putting a lid on the pan. After the mother was unsuccessful in stopping the fire, the teenager used a portable fire extinguisher to put out the flames. **[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."

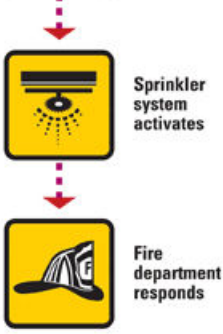
- Joe Pierce, Retired Deputy Chief
Dallas, Texas Fire Department

San Angelo City Hall fire put out with extinguisher

Standard-Times (San Angelo, TX)

September 11, 2018

SAN ANGELO, TX - About 25 people had to evacuate from the San Angelo City Hall after a toaster oven in the basement caught fire. Three fire crews were dispatched to the City after the incident was reported. Ultimately, the fire was put out by a portable fire extinguisher before the fire crews could arrive. There were no injuries as a result of the fire and the only damage was to the toaster and a scorch mark on the cement wall. **[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.