

Atlanta teen saves neighbors with portable fire extinguisher

FOX 5 Atlanta (Atlanta, GA)

July 5, 2020

Atlanta, GA - A 14-year-old boy in Atlanta is being credited with saving the lives of his neighbors after a fire broke out in the apartment building where he lives. The boy woke up to the smell of smoke, which led him to find flames emerging from his neighbor's apartment wall. Thankfully, the boy's mother had previously taught him how to use a fire extinguisher, so he was able to put out a significant portion of the flames with a portable fire extinguisher before fire crews arrived on the scene. While four apartment units were damaged, nobody was injured. One neighbor said that had the boy not helped before firefighters arrived, things may have ended differently. [\[Read more\]](#)



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

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

Windber man saves own home with fire extinguisher

The Tribune-Democrat (Johnstown, PA)

July 12, 2020

Windber, PA - Fire officials from Windber, Pennsylvania say that a man saved his family after a fire started in the home's third-floor living space. After smelling smoke and hearing the fire alarms go off in his home, the man rushed to the third floor and put out the flames with a portable fire extinguisher. The man was able to completely extinguish the fire before the fire department arrived. No injuries were reported, and only a small area of the third floor suffered damage. [\[Read more\]](#)

"A sound fire safety strategy has to include portable



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

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**

Fort Myers Dealership Employees Put Out Car Fire

NBC2 (Fort Myers, FL)

July 9, 2020

Fort Myers, FL - Employees at a Fort Myers car dealership helped to put out a fire that started in the engine of a Volkswagen Beetle. The owner of the vehicle noticed the engine had caught on fire while driving, so he pulled into the service area of a nearby Cadillac dealership for help. The dealership's employees immediately called 911 and used two portable fire extinguishers to put out the flames. By the time fire crews arrived, the fire was out, so they double-checked the engine to make sure it would not reignite. [\[Read more\]](#)



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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.