

Good Samaritan credited with saving 2 from burning trailer on I-95

News4Jax (Jacksonville, FL)

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A truck driver in Jacksonville, Florida used a portable fire extinguisher to help save another truck driver following a crash. As the truck driver was using the extinguisher to battle the flames, a local couple who saw the crash worked to free the truck's passengers. The quick use of the portable fire extinguisher by the Good Samaritans allowed them to control the flames until first responders arrived. [\[Read more\]](#)



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

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



Fire contained to space heater in Appleton home

NBC 26 (Appleton, WI)

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Residents of a single-family home in Appleton, Wisconsin quickly responded one early evening to a fire caused by a space heater. As the space heater began to smoke, the residents used their portable fire extinguisher to put out the fire and limit damage to the home. When fire crews

arrived, they entered the home to ventilate the smoke and extinguisher residue. The crews confirmed that the residents successfully extinguished the fire with little damage and no injuries. [\[Read more\]](#)



"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

Neighbors help rescue fire victims in Towanda

WNEP 16 (Towanda, PA)

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In the midst of an apartment building fire, residents and neighbors worked together to control a blaze in one of the units before firefighters arrived.

Neighbors of the building saw flames streaming from the exits and grabbed portable fire extinguishers from their own homes. The Towanda Fire Chief, Bill Roof, credits the lack of fatalities in the fire to the joint effort that stopped the fire from spreading too quickly. [\[Read more\]](#)





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.

