

Firefighters Credit Dog with Saving Person from Fire

WKBW7 (Williamsville, NY)

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After a fire broke out in a house in Williamsville, New York, a dog began barking to alert the owners to the fire. The resident grabbed a portable fire extinguisher and put out the fire before it could spread to other areas of the home. Fire crews arrived on the scene shortly, but the fire had already diminished because of the extinguisher. The town's fire department used the opportunity to remind residents to check their fire extinguishers. [\[Read more\]](#)



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

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

Workshop Owner Douses Fire with Extinguisher in Deerfield

Daily Hampshire Gazette (Deerfield, MA)

February 22, 2022

On an early morning in February, an owner noticed smoke in his workshop. He and his co-worker moved quickly to locate the shop's portable fire extinguishers and used them to put out the fire. When the fire department arrived, the team found smoke, but the fire itself had been put out. The



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

Fire Captain speculated that a spark from the drill press caused the fire and noted that the fire extinguishers helped stave off serious damage to the workshop. [\[Read more\]](#)



"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

Couples Escapes Injury in House Explosion

New Castle News (New Castle, PA)

March 14, 2022

A fire infiltrated a home in New Castle, Pennsylvania, after a buildup of natural gas caused an explosion near the home. Despite the serious damage to the property, the two homeowners escaped by using a fire extinguisher to douse the initial flames while they waited for the fire department to arrive. After the couple escaped, the fire department put out the rest of the flames and saved the majority of the property. [\[Read more\]](#)





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.

