

## Lafayette Firefighters Responded To A Residential Fire on Crab Apple Hill

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In Lafayette, Louisiana, a 4-year-old girl alerted her mother to a growing fire in their laundry room. The mother instructed her to leave the house and go to their meeting place. The residents then grabbed a portable fire extinguisher and successfully put out the fire. Both adults were able to safely exit the building and join the child while they waited for firefighters to arrive. While the laundry room sustained heavy fire damage, using the fire extinguisher contained the fire and prevented what could have been substantial damage to the rest of the home. [\[Read more\]](#)



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

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

## Small fire extinguished at Saratoga Springs City Hall

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A recent Saratoga Springs City Council meeting abruptly ended when a battery charger caught fire at the City's dispatch center. A dispatcher in 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

room acted quickly and put out the flames using a portable fire extinguisher. Unlike a fire caused by lighting striking City Hall in 2018, which led to a two-year, multimillion dollar restoration of the building, this fire caused no significant damage. [\[Read more\]](#)



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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

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## **University of Maryland Medical Center back to normal after small fire**

**WBFF Fox 45 (Baltimore, MD)**

May 10, 2022

The University of Maryland Medical Center's Emergency Department was put on "mini-disaster" status when a patient's room caught on fire. A hospital staffer acted quickly and used a portable fire extinguisher to put out the fire while they waited for the first responders to arrive. Access to the fire extinguisher contributed to preventing injuries and ensuring that hospital could immediately continue operations. [\[Read more\]](#)





## **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.

