

Fort Sill soldiers rescue driver from crashed car

KSWO (Lawton, OK)
June 22, 2022

In Lawton, Oklahoma, two Captains from the Fort Sill Army Base rescued a driver of a rolled over truck that caught on fire on I-44. The first Captain pulled the driver out of the vehicle while the second one used a portable fire extinguisher on the underside of the truck to extinguish the flames. They were able to successfully put out the fire and get the driver to safety before 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 at Lansing apartment complex prompts evacuation

WILX (Lansing, MI)
June 20, 2022

In Lansing, Michigan, a fire broke out at an apartment complex causing residents to evacuate the building. Prior to emergency responders arriving to the scene, smoke could be seen coming out of the apartments. The battalion Chief noted that a tenant who had a portable fire extinguisher was able to extinguish the fire, which



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

started on a stove. Although two individuals were evaluated for smoke inhalation, they did not require hospitalization and tenants were allowed back into their apartments. [\[Read more\]](#)



"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

Alert neighbor handles house fire before Spokane fire crews arrive

KHQ Local News (Spokane, WA)

June 3, 2022

In Spokane, Washington, an individual witnessed a fire erupt at his neighbor's home. The individual ran to his neighbor's home when he heard a propane tank explode, although officials are unsure what started the fire. The neighbor used a portable fire extinguisher to contain the fire to the exterior of the home and to extinguish most of the fire prior to responders arriving to the scene. The neighbor's heroic actions not only prevented damage to the interior of the home but allowed the eight people inside at the time to evacuate safely. [\[Read more\]](#)





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.

