

## Hikers extinguish small fire

KKTV 11 News (Colorado Springs, CO)

December 5, 2020

Colorado Springs, CO - A group of good Samaritans spotted a small fire while hiking and rushed to put it out before firefighters got to the scene. They spotted the fire near the parking lot as their hike was ending. The group was able to find a portable fire extinguisher nearby and used it to control the flames until fire crews arrived. A spokesperson for the city of Manitou Springs says firefighters were able to gain 100 percent control of the fire very quickly. [\[Read more\]](#)



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

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

## Hotel fire put out with extinguisher

Grand Forks Herald (Grand Forks, ND)

December 19, 2020

Grand Forks, ND - Fire crews were recently called to respond to a fire at hotel in Grand Forks, North Dakota. Upon arriving on the scene, they discovered smoke inside the building, but no active fire. According to a statement, a portable fire extinguisher was used by someone at the hotel to completely put out the fire. There were no injuries as a result of the fire, and the cause of the fire was determined to be an electrical issue with an air conditioner. [\[Read more\]](#)

**"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."**

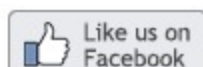
**- Joe Pierce, Retired Deputy Chief  
Dallas, Texas Fire Department**

## Fire extinguisher used to put out kitchen fire

Shrewsbury Patch (Shrewsbury, MA)

December 22, 2020

Shrewsbury, MA - On a recent Sunday, a resident at a hotel in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts had to jump into action to prevent the spread of a fire in one of the building's apartment units. The fire started in the unit's kitchen on the stove top and microwave. The resident immediately jumped into action and used a portable fire extinguisher to keep the fire from spreading until firefighters could arrive. While the kitchen area was severely damaged from the fire, it was contained to the unit and did not spread further. [\[Read more\]](#)



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

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### 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.