Extinguisher saves house from fire

The Ely Echo (Ely, MN)

August 28, 2023

A homeowner in Eagle Nest Township used a portable fire extinguisher to put out a fire on his kitchen stove. The homeowner, Ryan Bajan, had left his groceries on an electric burner which caught on fire. After hearing fire alarms and seeing smoke filling the room, he quickly made sure everyone in the building got to safety. After making sure no one was left in the home, he jumped to action and used the portable extinguisher to extinguish the fire before fire fighters arrived. After the fire was controlled, Bajan told reporters that if he didn't have the extinguisher, the damage to his home would have been even more severe. He encouraged everyone to keep a fire extinguisher on hand. **[Read more]**

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

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

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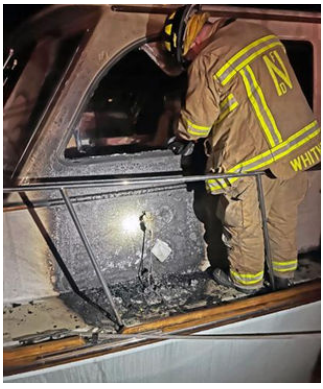
Fire Department

Newburyport firefighters extinguish boat fire

The Daily News of Newburyport (Newburyport, MA)

August 22, 2023

A 42-foot boat caught fire at a Newburyport, MA, yacht club due to an electrical malfunction. The owner of another boat saw the fire and immediately called 911. He then used a portable fire extinguisher to control the flames and slow the spread while waiting for responders to arrive. Newburyport Fire Chief Stephen H. Bradbury III commended the boat owner for alerting their department and keeping the fire under control, noting that it “could have been a much worse fire if he hadn’t intervened.” **[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

Firefighters say man pulled neighbor out of midtown Tulsa apartment fire

FOX23 News (Tulsa, OK)

September 16, 2023

Firefighters in Tulsa, OK responded to an apartment complex to find one of the apartments on fire. Officials praised the response of one man, Josue Gonzales, who they said helped to save a fellow tenant and prevent the fire from spreading. Gonzales says his training as a hospital employee kicked in as he aided a fellow tenant out of the burning building and then quickly reentered the apartment with a fire extinguisher. He was able to knock down the flames and prevent the fire from spreading as firefighters arrived on the scene. Fire officials said that without Gonzales quick-thinking, the flame may have spread to the rest of the complex. Fortunately, no one was seriously injured, and the damage was limited. **[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.