

## [Amazon driver saves elderly man from burning home, continues on delivery route: 'True act of heroism'](#)

WZZM (Portage, MI)

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An Amazon delivery driver used a portable fire extinguisher to save an elderly man from a burning home while making a delivery to a senior living community. Upon arriving at the home to make a delivery, he heard screams for help and noticed a fire burning on the man's stove. The driver ran and got the portable extinguisher from his truck, and although he had never used a fire extinguisher before, he was able to quickly knock down the flames before they could spread. He then assisted the man to safety. The Portage Fire Captain praised the response as a "true act of heroism". After the fire was out, the driver continued on to finish his delivery route that day. [\[Read more\]](#)



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

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

## [Drivers help rescue man from burning truck](#)

WKRN (Spring Hill, TN)

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In Spring Hill, Tennessee, a 49-year-old Chapel Hill man was trapped in a burning vehicle after he



crashed on I-65. As first responders were delayed in reaching the scene due to the lack of nearby exits, other drivers who witnessed the accident stopped and rushed to help. While the man was pinned in his vehicle, bystanders used portable fire extinguishers to contain the flames until emergency personnel could arrive on scene. A Spring Hill Police Officer arrived to provide support, shielding the driver's face from extinguisher's discharge until EMS personnel were able to free the man from the vehicle. [\[Read more\]](#)



*"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

## [Fargo townhome fire prevented from causing further damage by neighbor](#)

WDAY (Fargo, ND)

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A neighbor in Fargo, ND is being praised for preventing extensive damage by partially extinguishing a fire believed to be started by unattended cooking oil. The neighbor noticed the fire, rushed into the home with a portable fire extinguisher and kept the fire at bay until firefighters arrived. The damage was estimated at approximately \$20,000, though officials say that the neighbor's actions prevented much more significant damage to the home. [\[Read more\]](#)



### **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.