

## [Family puts out Thanksgiving Day fire](#)

WMUR (Manchester, NH)  
November 24, 2023

A potential disaster was averted by a Salem, NH family after a kitchen fire broke out on Thanksgiving. While preparing Thanksgiving dinner, the homeowner noticed that their turkey had caught fire and engulfed the family's oven. Fortunately, she had a portable fire extinguisher nearby and rushed to put out the flames while a family member dialed 911. When firefighters arrived on scene, they found the fire completely extinguished and the family safe. Although the turkey was lost, damage to the home was limited. [\[Read more\]](#)



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

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

## [Café owner hailed as a hero after stopping arsonist's fire.](#)

KEZI 9 News (Eugene, OR)  
October 26, 2023

Fire officials in Veneta, Oregon are praising a local café owner after she stopped a fire during an arson attempt. After witnessing a man set fire to chairs in the lobby of a nearby office building, the woman jumped into action. She assisted in evacuating employees to safety before reentering the building. Once inside, she located a nearby fire extinguisher and used it to knock down the flames before they could spread. Fire officials lauded her response, emphasizing that the fire could have easily spread to nearby businesses, causing serious damage. [\[Read more\]](#)





*"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

## [Police officer, good Samaritan rescue 3 people from burning van.](#)

Midland Daily News (Midland, MI)  
November 30, 2023

A police officer and two good Samaritans in Midland, MI are being praised for a heroic rescue after a van caught fire on US-10. When the officer arrived on the scene, he found the vehicle burning with three passengers trapped inside. The officer ran to his patrol vehicle to secure a portable fire extinguisher and controlled the flames so that two bystanders could assist the passengers out of the vehicle. According to Midland Police officials, the officer's efforts prevented a tragedy, as the flames engulfed the vehicle just moments after the passengers got to safety. [\[Read more\]](#)



### **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.

