Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association
Saving Lives, Protecting Property

Teachers applauded for fire extinguisher save

KNOE (Monroe, LA)
February 7, 2024

Two elementary school teachers in Baskin, LA are being praised for their courageous actions when they found an A/C unit on fire in the teacher's lounge. As the flames began to spread to the nearby curtains, one teacher located a fire extinguisher while the other pulled the fire alarm to trigger an evacuation. Although she had never used a fire extinguisher before, the teacher used it safely and effectively to knock out the fire in a matter of seconds. Fire officials praised the teachers for their heroic actions, noting that their actions likely saved lives and prevented devastating damage to the school. **[Read more]**

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

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

Tenants put out kitchen fire, avert disaster

WXHC (Homer, NY)
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When a fire broke out in the kitchen of a Cortland, NY home, tenants quickly jumped into action to avoid disaster. Following a 911 call, Cortland firefighters responded to the home to find smoke coming from the second floor. By the time they entered the home, a

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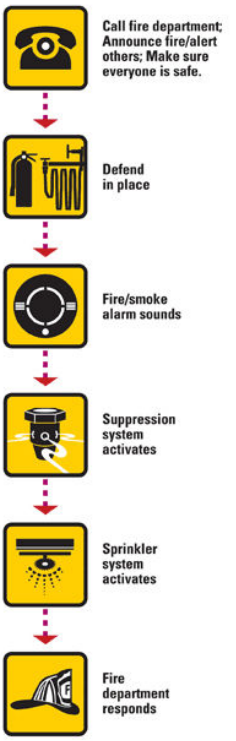

tenant had already used a portable fire extinguisher to put out the fire and began ventilating the room. After the incident, Cortland fire officials noted that thanks to the tenant's actions, the home suffered no structural damage. **[Read more]**

"*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

Cooking fire stopped with portable fire extinguisher

Chicago Tribune (La Grange Park, IL)
January 23, 2024

In La Grange Park, IL, firefighters responded after an automatic fire alarm was triggered at a 27-unit apartment complex. Upon entering the complex, they found that a kitchen fire had been put out by a resident using a portable fire extinguisher. Thanks to the resident's response, damage was limited to the kitchen, and no one was injured. After the incident, fire officials highlighted the importance of fire safety, encouraging everyone to keep a portable fire extinguisher and check smoke detectors regularly. **[Read more]**

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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.