

12-year-old Maplewood girl receives award for fighting kitchen fire

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A 12-year-old from Maplewood, MN has received the Fire Chief's Recognition Award for her quick thinking when she stopped a fire that broke out in her kitchen. As the fire began to spread from the stove to a nearby box on the counter, she knew to look for the nearest fire extinguisher. Although she had never been trained in how to use a fire extinguisher, she was able to completely douse the fire. After the incident, the family 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
Fire Department

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Truck driver hailed for fire extinguisher save

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A Texas trucker was recently honored for his actions at the scene of a car fire in Georgia. When he noticed an accident and a burning vehicle while driving southbound on I-75, he pulled his truck over to assist. Fortunately, he knew his truck was equipped with a portable fire extinguisher. He rushed to the burning vehicle and used the extinguisher to control the fire. Thanks to his quick response, other bystanders were able to assist the trapped driver to safety. [\[Read more\]](#)



"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

Kitchen fire stopped with fire extinguisher

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When a kitchen fire broke out at a home in Deerfield, MA, fire crews arrived to find heavy smoke emanating from the house. Upon entering, firefighters found that tenants used a portable fire extinguisher to knock out the fire that started on the stovetop. Fire officials determined that the fire was contained to the stove before it could spread and proceeded to ventilate the home. [\[Read more\]](#)



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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.

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