

**Bus driver saves police officer after crash**

KTHV-TV (Little Rock, AR)  
 August 27, 2024

In Pine Bluff, Arkansas, a school bus driver saved a police officer's life after the officer's vehicle slammed into his bus and caught fire. As flames began to spread across the vehicle, the bus driver was unable to get the driver out of the vehicle. He used a portable fire extinguisher from the bus to completely put out the flames, allowing time for emergency personnel to arrive and transport the officer to the hospital. The Pine Bluff Police Department praised the bus driver as a hero for his life-saving actions. The officer is expected to recover fully. [\[Read more\]](#)

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*"A little two-and-a-half-pound extinguisher can save your house."*  
 - Richard Osterberg Jr.,  
 Chief, East Hampton, NY  
 Fire Department

**Quick-thinking employees extinguish fire**

FOX56 (Somerset, KY)  
 August 23, 2024

At a Dairy Queen in Somerset, Kentucky, employees quickly extinguished a kitchen fire before firefighters arrived. Firefighters dispatched to the scene were relieved to find that employees had already put out the flames using a portable fire extinguisher. The firefighters noted that the employees had completely extinguished the fire using proper fire extinguisher techniques. The swift response to the incident prevented serious damage and no injuries were reported. [\[Read more\]](#)



*"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

**Officer extinguishes engine fire, saves driver**

MLive (Traverse City, MI)  
 September 17, 2024

In Traverse City, Michigan, a conservation officer is being recognized for rescuing a driver involved in a two-vehicle crash. While he was assisting the rescue effort, the engine of one of the vehicles caught fire. As the flames began to spread, he quickly retrieved the portable fire extinguisher from his patrol truck and extinguished the flames, preventing the fire from spreading to the driver of the vehicle. Both drivers were transported to a local hospital after the fire was extinguished. [\[Read more\]](#)



**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.



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