

Hero uses fire extinguisher, saves seniors

11 News (South Strabane, PA)
 January 29, 2025

A maintenance worker's use of a portable fire extinguisher is being highlighted for stopping a fire at a senior living facility in Washington County. When a fire broke out in a senior's apartment, the worker quickly used a portable fire extinguisher to extinguish the flames within 90 seconds. The worker was awarded a Certificate of Valor for his courageous response, and the apartment complex also received recognition for its significant investment in safety upgrades, including portable fire extinguishers. [\[Read more\]](#)



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

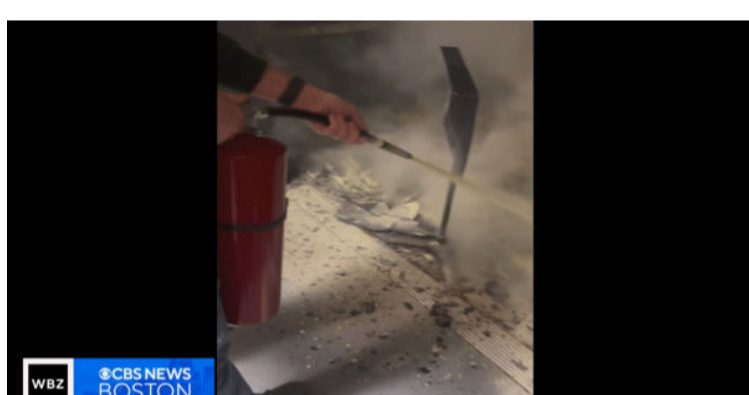
- Richard Osterberg Jr.,
 Chief, East Hampton, NY
 Fire Department



Robotics students avoid disaster with extinguishers

CBS News (West Newbury, MA)
 January 27, 2025

When a fire broke out in a Massachusetts school auditorium, a group of robotics students responded using portable fire extinguishers. After noticing a growing blaze in a trash barrel filled with sawdust, the students used the nearby fire extinguishers to control the flames before first responders arrived. School officials praised the students, noting that no one was injured, and the damage was limited thanks to their swift response. [\[Read more\]](#)



"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

Extinguisher keeps garage fire at bay

Lake & McHenry County Scanner (Huntley, IL)
 February 1, 2025

Construction workers used a portable fire extinguisher to help contain a fire that broke out in a homeowner's garage. The workers started with buckets of water, but as the flames grew, they found a nearby fire extinguisher and used it to suppress the flames. Fire officials praised the workers for containing the fire, noting that their actions prevented it from spreading from the garage to 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.

