

Man Saves Neighborhood from Blaze, Earns Citizens Commendation Award

Capcity News (Laramie County, Wyoming)
June 30, 2026

In Laramie County, Wyoming, Michael Urban fought a rapidly expanding bush fire using a portable fire extinguisher. While contacting a local sheriff deputy, Urban managed to slow the fire before it could engulf neighboring properties. Urban was later rewarded with a Certificate of Commendation for his actions. No injuries were reported. [\[Read More\]](#)



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Announce fire/alert
others; Make sure
everyone is safe.



Defend
in place



Fire/smoke
alarm sounds



Suppression
system
activates



Sprinkler
system
activates



Fire
department
responds

Employee Extinguishes Truck Fire After Recalling Fire Safety Class

WJHG (Panama City, Florida)
July 17, 2026

In Panama City, Florida, Paul Wilson, employed a portable fire extinguisher and his fire prevention training to put out a truck fire in front of his dealership. Wilson said that he felt confident in his training when grabbing the fire extinguisher and rushing towards the truck fire. No injuries were reported, and local fire officials took the opportunity to highlight the importance of fire safety training. [\[Read more\]](#)



Colorado Mountain Town Dodges Wildfire Thanks to Quick Work from Law Enforcement

CBS News (Idaho Springs, Colorado)
July 15, 2026

A brush fire, that broke out a few yards from an Idaho Springs, CO neighborhood, was extinguished by local sheriff's deputies using portable fire extinguishers before the fire department arrived. Local fire officials said the quick response from the deputies, who were the first on the scene, prevented what could have been a much more serious disaster for the mountain town. No injuries were reported, and officials urged the public to avoid unsafe fire practices, especially during the dry season. [\[Read more\]](#)



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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