

Veterinary Workers Race to Save Women from Burning Car

NBC Washington (Gaithersburg, Maryland)
June 5, 2026

In Gaithersburg, Maryland, two bystanders acted immediately to help a driver who did not realize her car was on fire. The employees ran towards the car ablaze and used a portable fire extinguisher stored in their office to put out the fire before it could worsen. The employees helped to prevent a much more serious emergency, and firefighters arrived shortly afterward and took over the scene. No injuries were reported. [\[Read More\]](#)



Quick-acting Neighbor, EMT Helped Douse Trash Fire on Parade Route

Dorchester Reporter (Boston, MA)
June 8, 2026

During the Dorchester Day Parade in the Fields Corner neighborhood of Boston, a dumpster behind a building on Dorchester Avenue caught fire. Local resident Wajih Yazbek spotted the fire and immediately retrieved a portable fire extinguisher from an apartment. An EMT who was working the parade used the portable fire extinguisher to slow the fire's spread, helping to contain the situation until firefighters arrived. No injuries were reported. [\[Read more\]](#)



Employees Extinguish Fire at FedEx Warehouse

Action News 5 (Olive Branch, MS)
June 8, 2026

In Olive Branch, Mississippi, employees at a FedEx facility were able to extinguish a fire using portable fire extinguishers before firefighters could arrive. The fire was caused by a reaction between chlorine tablets and floor cleaner that had been packaged together. All employees were evacuated with no injuries. [\[Read more\]](#)



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system
activates



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department
responds

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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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