

Firefighters praise family for having fire extinguisher after lightning strikes home

WBRC News (Shelby County, AL)
May 1, 2026

A Shelby County, Alabama family used a portable fire extinguisher to put out a house fire caused by a lightning strike. When local fire crews responded to the scene, they found the homeowners had already contained and extinguished the fire using a portable fire extinguisher stored in the home. Local fire fighters credited the family for their quick action and preparedness. No injuries were reported. [\[Read More\]](#)



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Police Officers rescue dog from house fire using portable fire extinguisher

WJCL ABC (Barnstable, MA)
May 27, 2026

Two Barnstable, MA police officers used a portable fire extinguisher to contain the flames of a house fire and rescue a 1.5-year-old dog named Scooby from inside the house. When the police arrived at the scene, one officer contained the flames climbing the shingles outside the house with an extinguisher, while the other retrieved the family dog from inside the property. No injuries were reported. [\[Read more\]](#)



Princeton student extinguished dorm fire using a portable fire extinguisher

The Daily Princetonian (Princeton, NJ)
May 2, 2026

Princeton student Yao Xiao used a portable fire extinguisher to put out a stove top fire that had spread to the kitchen cabinets. Xiao smelt smoke and went to the kitchen where he discovered black smoke spilling through the second-floor kitchen. The student was able to extinguish the fire before first responders arrived, resulting in no injuries. [\[Read more\]](#)



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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