

Minneapolis Metro Transit Driver Praised as Hero After Rescuing Man from Burning Car with Fire Extinguisher

CBS News (Minneapolis, MN)
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A Minneapolis Metro Transit driving instructor rescued a man from a burning vehicle during a training session. Kenneth Johnson saw the fire as he was training two students, pulled over, grabbed a portable fire extinguisher from the bus, and ran towards the vehicle. Johnson used the extinguisher to break a window to access the unresponsive driver and then used the extinguisher to put out the flames. [\[Read More\]](#)



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Man Hailed as Hero After Saving Hotel Guests from Fire Using Fire Extinguishers

People (Superior, WI)
February 25, 2026

A Wisconsin resident is being hailed as a hero after springing into action during a fire at the Superior & Sage Hotel. Using multiple portable fire extinguishers, Bill Zezza kept a hotel fire at bay while guests evacuated, and multiple fire crews responded. Ultimately, 24 guests were evacuated. [\[Read more\]](#)



Greenville Water Employee Helps Contain House Fire Using Fire Extinguisher and Garden Hose

FOX Carolina (Greenville, SC)
March 4, 2026

When the Taylors, SC Fire Department responded to a house fire they found it mostly extinguished by a Greenville Water employee. Using a portable fire extinguisher and garden hose, the good Samaritan, and former firefighter, was able to contain the flames. One child was able to escape the house through a window and no injuries were reported. [\[Read more\]](#)



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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