

Food truck fire stopped by portable fire extinguisher

NBC 10 (Longport, NJ)
July 28, 2025

Bystanders in Longport, NJ are being credited for preventing disaster after using a portable fire extinguisher to stop a food truck fire. As the food truck workers struggled to put out the flames, a neighbor assisted a nearby off-duty officer with a portable fire extinguisher. Together, they put out the fire before it could spread to a large propane tank at the rear of the truck. When fire crews arrived, the fire was fully extinguished. The Longport Police Department issued a safety alert afterward, urging residents and businesses to keep fire extinguishers on hand. Although one worker was treated for burns at the hospital, no other injuries were reported. [\[Read More\]](#)



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

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

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Call fire department;
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

Staff use extinguishers to contain nursing home fire

WPRI 12 (Somerset, MA)
August 7, 2025

Quick-thinking staff at the Somerset Ridge Center nursing home are being credited with containing an early morning fire on August 7. When a blaze broke out in an unoccupied community room on the second floor, staff immediately isolated the room and used portable fire extinguishers to suppress the flames. Somerset Fire officials praised their actions, noting that staff not only contained the fire, but they also sheltered and relocated residents to safety. All 127 residents were kept safe, and no injuries were reported. [\[Read more\]](#)



"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

Employees use extinguishers to save man, prevent disaster

KSLTV (Woods Cross, UT)
July 21, 2025

Employees at a motorcycle shop in Woods Cross, UT are being hailed as heroes after a violent explosion at a nearby storage garage left one man seriously injured. When flames erupted, the motorcycle shop's staff immediately grabbed portable fire extinguishers and rushed to the scene. Within moments, the employees had used extinguishers to put out flames that had burned the victim and keep the fire from spreading to nearby containers of methanol. Fire officials said that the employees' swift use of extinguishers not only saved the man's life but also prevented a chain reaction that could have destroyed the entire building. [\[Read more\]](#)



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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