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Employees Help Contain Fire at Bay St. Louis Restaurant with Portable Fire Extinguishers

WLOX (Bay St. Louis, MS)
October 19, 2026

Two restaurant employees used portable fire extinguishers to contain a patio fire at a Bay St. Louis, Mississippi restaurant. Facing strong winds, the two employees, aided by other bystanders, used portable fire extinguishers and water to suppress the flames. Their combined quick response prevented major damage to the building and allowed the fire department to secure the area. No injuries were reported and the restaurant safely reopened later that same day. **[Read More]**



On Honeymoon, Fire Chief Battles Restaurant Fire with Portable Fire Extinguishers

NBC 10 Boston (Luquillo, PR)
October 16, 2026

While dining on his honeymoon in Luquillo, Puerto Rico, Fitchburg, MA Fire Chief Dante Suarez helped suppress a kitchen fire at a local restaurant using portable fire extinguishers. Noticing kitchen smoke, Suarez confirmed everyone had safely evacuated. Then Suarez worked alongside the restaurant staff to gather multiple portable fire extinguishers from nearby businesses to keep the flames contained in the

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kitchen. His quick response held off the fire for 30 to 40 minutes until local firefighters reached the scene. No injuries were reported and damage was limited to the kitchen. **[Read more]**



Deputies Stop Spread of Flames Threatening Junction Shopping Center with Portable Fire Extinguishers

MyMotherlode (East Sonora, CA)
October 21, 2026

Using portable fire extinguishers, Tuolumne County Sheriff's deputies quickly contained a grass fire that threatened businesses and nearby propane tanks at the Junction Shopping Center in East Sonora, California. While the Sheriff's deputies were leaving Tuolumne County Jail they saw large plumes of smoke in the distance. They responded to the scene with portable fire extinguishers which they used to prevent the flames from advancing until the fire department arrived. Through quick action and interagency coordination with Cal Fire and the Tuolumne County Fire Department, the blaze was successfully extinguished without injuries or structural damage. **[Read more]**



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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.