

## Auto Fire Squelched by Boat Extinguisher

A man whose own vehicle was struck by a runaway boat trailer used some quick thinking to help save the passengers of the van that had been pulling it and ended up on its side in flames, as reported in *The Daily Record* online on December 30, 2003. Remembering that boats are required to have extinguishers onboard, Jimmy Carter grabbed one from under a tarp on the boat and extinguished the fire. He then assisted the family in evacuating their van. “The Lord’s looking out for those people. That vehicle was burning and they were trapped inside,’ Mr. Carter said.”

For more information, visit [www.dunndailyrecord.com](http://www.dunndailyrecord.com).

## The Gift That Keeps on Giving

J. T. Ipock, of NAFED member company South Atlantic Fire Equipment in Jacksonville, Florida, recently donated a fire extinguisher to a charity event. He received a call from the recipient of the extinguisher soon thereafter about how it was eventually put to use. The recipient was trying to light a patio warmer in preparation for a barbecue. He stuffed branches into a terra-cotta pot and used fuel from a Coleman lantern as accelerant. The incredible power of the explosion that resulted from the accumulation of fumes blew the lid off the warmer, dropping it onto the nearby lantern, which spilled over. The fuel quickly ran downhill to the warmer and then to the nearby shed that housed his lawn equipment. Remembering his extinguisher, the man grabbed it and used it to extinguish the blaze. He saved his shed and prevented the possibility that the fire might spread to his home.

Contributed by J.T. Ipock, South Atlantic Fire Equipment, Jacksonville, Florida.

## Off-Duty Cop Saves Driver

Borrowing an extinguisher from another witness, Officer Craig Irving put out a fire in a car that he had seen veer off the road and down a hill, as reported in the *Times & Star Online* on December 12, 2003. Irving credited the onlooker for having an extinguisher in the car. Irving was praised by a colleague: “He saved this man’s life...This incident shows how important it is for people to carry a fire extinguisher in their cars. Without one this man could easily have died.”

For more information, visit [www.times-and-star.co.uk](http://www.times-and-star.co.uk).

## Restaurant Hood System Stops Fire

A restaurant worker at the Canton Buffet in Vancouver, Washington, who had already begun working when a supervisor arrived and gave everyone the day off, left a wok with oil on the stove as the place was closed up, as reported in the *Columbian.com* on January 2, 2004. The resulting oil fire was quickly put out by the automatic hood suppression system, and firefighters arriving on the scene finished the extinguishment. “Because of the hood extinguisher, damage was minimal, estimated at \$400.”

For more information, visit [www.columbian.com](http://www.columbian.com).

## Courthouse Arson Fire Detected, Extinguished

A police officer observed a broken window and flickering light in the King County District Courthouse on the evening of December 31, as reported by staff in the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* online on January 1, 2004. With the help of an extinguisher-bearing officer from close by, the two squelched the flames. “Investigators believe that had the officer not spotted the fire, it would have triggered the building’s sprinkler system, causing thousands of dollars in water damage. As it was, there was minimal damage.”

For more information, visit <http://seattlepi.nwsource.com/>.

## Extinguisher Helps Save Woman in Car Accident

While trying to avoid a car approaching her head-on in her own lane, driver Stephanie Jattuso crossed oncoming traffic, jumped the curb, and slammed into a tree, resulting in a dangerous fire, as reported by Scott Earp on *JaxNews.com* on January 15, 2004. An onlooker with a portable extinguisher used it to control the flames so others could work to remove her from the wreckage. “Jattuso...could have been seriously injured had it not been for the quick thinking and timely help of a pair of heroic citizens...”

For more information, visit [www.JaxNews.com](http://www.JaxNews.com).

## Hairstylist Saved by Extinguisher

Hairstylist Traci Marshall was pumping gas into her car when her hair caught fire, as reported by the Associated Press and appearing in the December 9, 2003, issue of *Orion Online*. Noting flames pouring out of the gas tank, she tried to beat the flames out. A nearby man with a fire extinguisher put out the fire.

For more information, visit [www.orion-online.net](http://www.orion-online.net). ❖