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History

Founded in 1930, The Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association is an international, non-profit trade association dedicated to manufacturing commercial fire protection equipment to serve as the first line of defense against fire in the early stages. The association centers its efforts around the key premise: that safety to life is best achieved through the implementation of a "balanced fire protection design" – a concept in which a proactive safety plans do not rely on any single safeguard.

Mission

Member companies unite to save lives and protect property through education and awareness, advancement of the fire equipment marketplace and improvement in regulatory requirements.

Recent Achievements

- Creation of an animated "How to Use a Portable Fire Extinguisher" training video for end-users on YouTube™, receiving more than 1,200 views in the first two weeks.
- Placement of member articles in United States and Canadian national trade publications to advocate "balanced fire protection."
- Ongoing participation with the NFPA, ICC and local, state and national officials to advance positive fire and building codes and laws and with Underwriters Laboratory regarding equipment testing procedures.
- Continuous outreach, through direct mail campaigns, to fire chiefs, authorities having jurisdiction, insurance agents, building owners, operators and safety managers for the purposes of code advocacy and best practices for safety implementation and education.

Divisions

The Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association is organized into three divisions:

- Interior Equipment/Standpipe Fire Hose
- Portable Fire Extinguishers
- Automated, Pre-Engineered Systems

Member companies work in smaller equipment-specific teams, as well as collectively, to impact industry issues and outcomes.

Web sites/Resources

www.femalifesafety.org
www.fireextinguisher.com
www.rackhosetraining.com
www.firesystemstraining.org

Fire Facts

- 93% of deaths and 95% of property damage occur once the fire has progressed beyond the early stage – the first few minutes of a fire are critical.
- Portable fire extinguishers suppressed nearly 30 percent of reported fires from 1991-1995.
- Typically, fire departments are 3-5 minutes away, and 70% are volunteer-based; in these cases there can be up to a 15 minute wait for response.
- Nearly 8,000 restaurant fires were reported in 2004, causing \$160 million in direct property damage.

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Member Companies

Amerex Corporation - Portable, Systems
American Pacific Corporation (Halotron Division) - Portable, Systems
Ansul Incorporated - Portable, Systems
Brooks Equipment Co., Inc. - Interior Equipment, Portable, Systems
Buckeye Fire Equipment Co. - Portable, Systems
Bullex, Inc. - Portable
Dixon Powhatan - Interior Equipment
Elkhart Brass Manufacturing Co. - Interior Equipment
Getz Manufacturing - Fire Hose, Portable
Globe Technologies Corporation - Systems
JL Industries - Interior Equipment
Job GmbH - Systems
Larsen's Manufacturing Company - Interior Equipment
Luxfer Gas Cylinders - Portable
Mercedes Textiles Limited - Interior Equipment/Fire Hose
North American Fire Hose Corporation - Interior Equipment/Fire Hose
Potter Roemer - Interior Equipment/Fire Hose, Portable
Seal Seat Company - Systems
Wilson & Cousins - Interior Equipment

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