# PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

#### **NFPA**

 NFPA 10, STANDARD FOR PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

#### **EXTINGUISHING METHODS**

- **SMOTHERING**(OXYGEN EXCLUSION)
- COOLING (REDUCES HEAT OF BURNING MATERIAL BELOW ITS IGNITION TEMPERATURE)
- CHAIN BREAKING (INTERRUPTS CHEMICAL CHAIN REACTION)
- SAPONIFICATION (FORMS AN OXYGEN EXCLUDING)

# **TYPES OF EXTINGUISHERS**

- PUMP TYPE
  - DESIGNED FOR CLASS A FIRES ONLY

#### STORED-PRESSURE

- PRESSURIZED WATER (PW)
  EXTINGUISHER
- CLASS A FOAM SOMETIMES ADDED TO INCREASE EFFECTIVENESS

# WATER MIST

- DESIGNED FOR CLASS A/CLASS
  C
- STORED/PRESSURIZED
   DEIONIZED WATER(NON
   CONDUCTIVE)
- NOZZLE CREATES FINE MIST

# WET CHEMICAL STORED PRESSURE

- O DESIGNED FOR CLASS K GREASE FIRES.
- POTASSIUM BASED ALKALINE AGENT

# AQUEOUS FILM FORMING FOAM (AFFF)

- DESIGNED FOR CLASS B FIRES
- NOZZLE HAS AN AIR-ASPIRATING ACTION FOR BETTER FOAM

 NOTE: AFFF IS CORROSIVE AND CAN REMOVE PAINT TO TOOLS AND APPARATUS

## CLEAN AGENT EXTINGUISHERS

- DESIGNED FOR CLASS A/CLASS B/ CLASS C FIRES
- DOES NOT DAMAGE
  COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

#### CARBON DIOXIDE

 DESIGNED FOR CLASS B/CLASS C FIRES

#### DRY CHEMICAL

- DESIGNED FOR CLASS A/CLASS B/CLASS C FIRES
- o MOST COMMON 2A10BC
- MULTIPURPOSE (ABC)
  EXTINGUISHER
- NON-TOXIC// IRRITANT
- O DRY CHEMICALS:
  - SODIUM BICARBONATE
  - POTASSIUM CHLORIDE
  - POTASSIUM BICARBONATE
  - MONOAMMONIUM PHOSPHATE
  - UREA-POTASSIUM BICARBONATE

#### **AGENTS FOR METAL FIRES**

- SOME AGENTS DESIGNED FOR ONE METAL
- SOME AGENTS DESIGNED FOR MULTIPLE METALS
- PRESSURIZED CYLINDER/ APPLIED WITH A SCOOP OR SHOVEL

# PORTABLE EXTINGUISHERS RATING SYSTEM

- (UL) UNDERWRITERS LABORATORIES RATES EXTINGUISHERS
- CLASS A
  - o 1-A THROUGH 40-A
  - 1-A = 1 ¼ GALLONS (5L)
- CLASS B
  - o 1-B THROUGH 640-B
  - 1-B = 1 SQ/FT FLAMMABLE LIQUID

# • CLASS C

ENSURE THAT THE
 EXTINGUISHING AGENT IS NON
 CONDUCTIVE

# • CLASS D

- EACH AGENT IS SPECIFIC TO ITS COMBUSTIBLE METAL.
- CANNOT BE GIVING A MULTIPURPOSE RATING

# CLASS K

 AGENT THAT SAPONIFICATES THE COOKING OIL (CONVERT FATTY ACIDS INTO SOAP)

# **USING PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS**

- P-PULL THE PIN
- A- AIM AT THE BASE OF THE FIRE
- S- SQUEEZE THE TRIGGER
- S-SWEEP THE NOZZLE BACK AND FOURTH

# **OBSOLETE PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS**

- HALON 1211
- HALON 1301