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Review of efficient manual fire extinguishing methods and equipment for the fire service

This FRIC report summarizes briefly the state-of-the-art for manual fire extinguishing equipment, used by the fire service for fighting of building fires, and highlights existing knowledge gaps and challenges in this field.

In the late 90s and the early 2000s new equipment allowed to conduct extinguishing effort with reduced exposure of fire fighters to fire and smoke. In recent years the focus of research related to extinguishing methods and equipment has shifted to environmental aspects, such as the water consumption and effect of additives (i.e., foam) on humans and the environment.

In this project the cutting extinguisher and the extinguishing spear have been identified as the two most promising systems for further testing. These systems shown to be promising with regard to fulfilling the different objectives of the overall project. Being only water based it minimize contamination, due to lower water consumption, of the surrounding areas give these systems advantages over conventional equipment. Especially if the systems are used in combination with an IR camera to locate the fire, the extinguishing efforts can be started early and effectively.



You may find the full FRIC report here:

<http://ri.diva-portal.org/smash/get/diva2:1542854/FULLTEXT01.pdf>

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