Scenario

Fires

Four employees were in a back work room when a fire broke out in the main part of the building. The primary exit of the work room would lead the workers directly into the smoke filled area of the main barn. The workers were not trapped because there was a large garage door they could use to exit the building. However, in their panic to open it, they realized the chain roller was not working properly and they could not get the garage door to roll up. They continued to try, with workers on the outside also trying to lift the door as the inside workers pulled on the rusty chain. They were eventually freed from the room. The end result was an OSHA citation for not having adequate emergency exits at the facility. The owner of the building assumed that garage doors served as exits, however the OSHA codes require emergency doors to be “hinged doors”.

* What are the OSHA requirements for an approved exit door?
* Would fire extinguishers be helpful in this situation?