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→ THIS WEEK IN FIRE HISTORY

- ▶ November 25: In 1971, a fire at the Hotel Taeyokale, Seoul, Korea, kills 163.
- ▶ November 26: In 1979, an in-flight fire aboard a Pakistani International B-707 kills 156 near Jidda, Saudi Arabia.
- ▶ November 27: In 1970, a Capitol International DC-8 post-crash fire kills 47 in Anchorage, AK.
- ▶ November 28: In 1942, a fire at the Coconut Grove night club kills 492 in Boston, MA.
- ▶ November 29: In 1987, a Hotel Concorde wedding reception fire kills 11 at Margarita Island, Venezuela.
- ▶ November 30: In 1915, a coal mine explosion kills 23 in Boomer, WV.

FEATURE

ARFF Crews Respond to the Front Line at Pentagon: When a hijacked Boeing 757, skimming the street lights, smashed into the Pentagon on September 11, firefighters at nearby Reagan National Airport were the right responders in the right place with the right equipment.

**UPDATE****FDNY Officials Want More Firefighters to Wear Respirators:**

The so-called "World Trade Center cough" that rescue workers are now experiencing could've been limited if the first responders to the World Trade Center attack had more than hardware-store dust masks available to them. Dr. David J. Prezant, deputy medical officer for the New York City Fire Department, and fire officials want quicker access to light-weight breathing apparatus and for more firefighters to protect themselves by wearing respirators. Read more about NFPA standards for equipping first responders. (PDF*, 218 KB)

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COVER STORIES**Collapse: World Trade Center**

Aftermath - Engineering experts to study the WTC events in a search for answers to why the buildings collapsed.
Evacuation - NFPA will revisit previous WTC study with an evacuation behavior follow-up.



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Search and Rescue - NFPA standards guide the way officials search for WTC survivors and victims.

Terrorism: Impetus for Change - NFPA examines its role of providing fire service with standards that aid the response to terrorism.

First Responders - The real thing shows the need to refine first-responder preparedness and protective equipment for terrorism attacks.

Looking Back...at Heroes - Among the dead in the World Trade Center collapse were eight members of our NFPA family. More... (PDF*, 85 KB) (NFPA members only)

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