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→ THIS WEEK IN FIRE HISTORY

- ▶ January 27: In 1967, a fire aboard the spacecraft Apollo kills three astronauts and causes \$75 million in damage at the Kennedy Space Center, FL.
- ▶ January 28: In 1986, seven astronauts aboard the space shuttle Challenger are killed in an explosion near Cape Canaveral, FL.
- ▶ January 29: In 1907, 84 people die in a fire at the Stuart coal mine in Stuart, WV.
- ▶ January 30: In 1974, 95 people die in the Pan American B-707 crash in Pago Pago, American Samoa.
- ▶ January 31: In 1945, 17 people die in the Lacoste Babies Home orphanage in Auburn, ME.

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FEATURE

When a hijacked Boeing 757 smashed into the Pentagon, [firefighters at Reagan National Airport were the right responders in the right place.](#)



UPDATE

Federal aviation-safety investigators in Cleveland are still determining why after taking off from a tower rooftop, a MedEvac helicopter reportedly pulled to the right, clipped the tower at University Hospitals, crashed into a driveway 12 stories below and exploded. The pilot and a nurse died in the January 18 crash, while a medic survived with burns on 30 percent of his body. [Read about fire protection of rooftop helipads.](#) (PDF*, 139 KB)

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COVER STORY

Olympic-Sized Fire Protection: Public safety officials consulted NFPA standards when planning fire protection for the Salt Lake City Winter Games. [More](#) (NFPA members only, PDF*, 534 KB). [Not a member?](#)



FEATURES

On the Right Track: NFPA 610 provides safety criteria for motorsports venues. [More](#) (NFPA members only, PDF*, 955 KB). [Not a member?](#)

WTO and NFPA: NFPA is an international codes and standards-development organization. [More](#) (NFPA members only, PDF*, 228 KB). [Not a member?](#)

Fire Watch: [Church destroyed when combustibles ignite in Georgia.](#)

COLUMNS

Up to Code: [Accessibility in assembly occupancies - designers are challenged to make every seat in a venue accessible to everyone.](#)

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IN A FLASH

Between 1994 and 1998, there was an average of 6,000 structural fires in assembly properties, with religious facilities accounting for 2,000 of the total.
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