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9/11 20th Anniversary



9/11 Memorial & Tribute in Lights

Photo Credit: Jin S. Lee for 911 Memorial and Museum

The Tribute in Light is a commemorative art creation, symbolic of the Twin Towers that was unveiled six months after September 11th.

Each year on 9/11 from dusk until dawn, the twin blue beams light the sky in tribute to the civilian men, women and children killed on September 11, 2001 as well as the First Responders who courageously entered the Towers to save lives.

On this 20th Anniversary of September 11th we join Americans and people around the world in paying tribute and saying

You will never be forgotten.



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

by Fire Chief Corey Thornton

Fire Prevention Week is October 8-9, 2021, and it's a time when the East Point Fire Department teams with the National Fire Protection Association and Fire Departments across the country to highlight the importance of fire safety and prevention. This year's Fire Prevention Week theme is "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety," which serves to educate and or remind everyone about the beep or chirp sounds a smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector make and what those signals indicate.

In recognition of the national observance, we have reprinted a special report on the History of Fire Prevention Week, which tells of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, and how that incident brought lasting changes to the Fire industry through the establishment of fire safety standards.

Also in this issue, we introduce you to one of our Firefighters who took the initiative to extend our Department's community outreach by distributing bears to children on scene during an emergency response. We also salute two Firefighters who have retired after serving this Department for well over a decade.

In this 20th Anniversary year of September 11th, we pause as well to reflect on the thousands of lives lost including 343 New York Firefighters who gave all. Their valiant efforts will forever be remembered.

Honored to Serve,

Chief Corey Thornton



Saluting Fire Operations

by Battalion Chief Lindsey Cassell

B-SHIFT Engine 3:

Fire Apparatus Operator Anthony Lee | Firefighter Jeffery Williams | Firefighter Amos Williams

This Engine Crew handled a massive hydrant/water main Break at the Clorox plant. Crews assessed and managed the scene with text book accuracy, minimizing property damage and commerce interruption.

B-SHIFT Engine 2:

Lieutenant Kelly Williams | Firefighter Damien Jones | Firefighter Ryan Dublin

Engine 2 responded to an EMS call that quickly turned into them having to extinguish an unknown source of fire. Upon arriving on scene, personnel quickly recognized the threat, and managed moving a patient from the residence before quickly transitioning into fire suppression mode.

B-SHIFT Engine 4:

Lieutenant Sammie Cole | FAO Jason Turner | Firefighter Lavell Taplis

The crew assessed a trauma patient and managed healthcare in the middle of a roadway while awaiting an extended estimated time of arrival of an ambulance. The patient's condition was maintained by the proficiently skilled Engine 4 Crew.



Saluting Fire Operations

(continued)

by Battalion Chief Lindsey Cassell

B-SHIFT Ladder 1:

Fire Apparatus Operator Steven Lawing | Firefighter Pete Steel

Personnel managed several difficult invalid assists using the tag team method. Personnel described doubt from patient's family members, but quickly demonstrated with high skill and proficiency their ability to manage conflict.





Saluting Fire Operations

by Acting Battalion Chief Brandon Ervin

A-SHIFT Engine 2:

Lieutenant Scott Thompson | Acting Fire Apparatus Operator Damien Jones | Firefighter Elijah Dobson

Engine 2 responded to a call for a person down, unconscious, no pulse and not breathing. Upon arriving on scene, the Crew swiftly took action. As a result of their heroic efforts and speedy response, they were able to regain a pulse and save the patient.

Congratulations to A- Shift Engine 2 for optimally performing their duties; and congrats as well to all B-Shift crews named for their professionalism and extraordinary performance of duties.





COMFORTING CHILDREN IN TIMES OF DISTRESS

BY P.I.O.
RENITA T SHELTON

The emotional impact that an emergency situation, disaster or illness can have on a family and children can be overwhelming.

Young children in particular can experience high levels of stress and anxiety during these sudden life changes that impact their world.

Witnessing first hand the fear many youngsters undergo during times of emergency, caused East Point Firefighter and Provisional Fire Apparatus Operator Kelwin Lockhart to look for a way to help children cope. What came to mind was providing them with a soft, cuddly animal they could hold on to for comfort. As a result, Lockhart developed a stuffed animal

distribution program, which has allowed him to distribute nearly 400 of his furry friends into the arms of children who were eager to share a hug with their new found playmate.

Recently, we spoke with Lockhart about the bear program he initiated, and we found out what drove him to seek a life of service as a Firefighter.

P.I.O. Shelton: What a novel idea, giving bears to children during an emergency to instill calm. What was that "Aha" moment when you decided a stuff animal might be that perfect remedy?

Firefighter Lockhart: I thought of what a child needs during times of chaos and upset, and what came to mind is reassurance. A hug provides that. So, I thought what better way to show a child or provide them with that than with a stuffed animal they can hold on to.

P.I.O. Shelton: How are you able to sustain your mission of providing a stuffed animal to every child you and your crew encounter?

Firefighter Lockhart: The bears are provided through Kay Jewelers on Camp Creek Parkway which has a partnership with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, which has an extensive history of pioneering treatments for cancer and other illnesses suffered by children. Since 2013, we have donated more than 50 teddy bears each year, as well as other stuffed animals.

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FIREFIGHTER
KELWIN LOCKHART



P.I.O. Shelton: What have been the reactions of children when you presented them with a stuffed animal, and how have you been impacted by the program you started?

Firefighter Lockhart: The smiles and hugs I've seen from children let's me know I was able to make a difference, and that has been the ultimate reward. It has also aided my crew and I in navigating some tough situations by instilling calm.

P.I.O. Shelton: Who or what was the greatest inspiration in your decision to become a Firefighter?

Firefighter Lockhart: My Father had friends who were Deputy Chiefs and Battalion Chiefs with Fulton County Fire Rescue and Atlanta Fire Rescue, who always spoke of how great it was to become a Firefighter. I was in my senior year at Morehouse College in the dual degree program with Georgia Tech as an Engineer major. and was about to become a first-time father. As fate would have it, I ran into a long time

friend, who I attended High School with, and that is Corey Thornton, who is now the Fire Chief of the City of East Point. He passionately spoke about his career as a Firefighter, and encouraged me to complete an application because his Department was hiring. I applied and was hired on May 7, 2001, and now 20 years later I can say it's been the most rewarding career decision I could have made.

P.I.O. Shelton: What has been the most memorable incident or experience you've had in the time you've been with the East Point Fire Department?

Firefighter Lockhart: The most memorable moment was the first time I assisted in delivering a baby my rookie year. I happened to be riding with all people Chief Corey Thornton, who was and is a Paramedic. There is nothing more powerful than seeing a baby take his/her first breath because you were able to assist. I'm moved even now thinking about that experience. It was very special and powerful.

P.I.O. Shelton: This year marks the 20th

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FF KELWIN LOCKHART

Anniversary of September 11th. What are your thoughts at this time?

Firefighter Lockhart: 9/11 forever linked all of us as a Nation, and it transformed this country. The tragic loss of life and the courage and bravery shown by all who died that day will never be forgotten. In many ways I believe we all are still trying to heal, and that gives me a sense of community, gratitude and strength.

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Photographer Credit:

Iconic image taken by Photographer Thomas E. Franklin for The Report News Agency. New York Firefighters raising the American flag at Ground Zero on September 11, 2001.

20th Anniversary of 9/11

September 11th

Remembered



It was twenty years ago that the United States experienced one of its darkest days in history when terrorists hijacked commercial airliners, using them as projectile missiles to fly into the North and South Towers of The World Trade Center in New York, and the Pentagon, in Arlington, Virginia, just outside of Washington, D.C.

The terrorists attempts at hitting a fourth unknown target were thwarted due to the brave actions of passengers on board a fourth hijacked airliner who launched a counter assault. Hijackers crashed the plane into an empty field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, killing everyone on board.

2,977 men, women and children died in the September 11th attacks, including hundreds of First Responders who bravely entered the World Trade Center Towers to rescue individuals and guide them to safety.

9/11 We Will Never Forget



Caption: World Trade Center North Tower hit as 2nd plane travels to South Tower
PHOTO CREDIT: REUTERS/ Sean Adair

Critical moments of September 11th:

8:46 A.M. - Hijackers crashed American Airlines Flight 11 into floors 93-99 of the North Tower of the World Trade Center

9:03 A.M. - Hijackers crashed United Airlines Flight 175 into floors 77-85 of the South Tower of the World Trade Center

9:37 A.M. - Hijackers crashed American Airlines Flight 77 into the Pentagon, near Washington, D.C.

9:59 A.M. - The World Trade Center South Tower collapsed.

10:03 A.M.- On United Airlines Flight 93, after hearing of the other attacks, passengers banded together to launch a counterattack on hijackers aboard their flight who seized control of the aircraft. Hijackers crashed the plane into a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

10:28 A.M. - The World Trade Center North Tower collapsed.



Caption: World Trade Center South Tower after plane makes impact
PHOTO CREDIT: REUTERS/ Sara K. Schwitter



Caption: Firefighters attack flames at the Pentagon as a helicopter surveys the damage
PHOTO CREDIT: REUTERS/ Larry Downing

September 11th Memorial Ground Zero Rebuilt

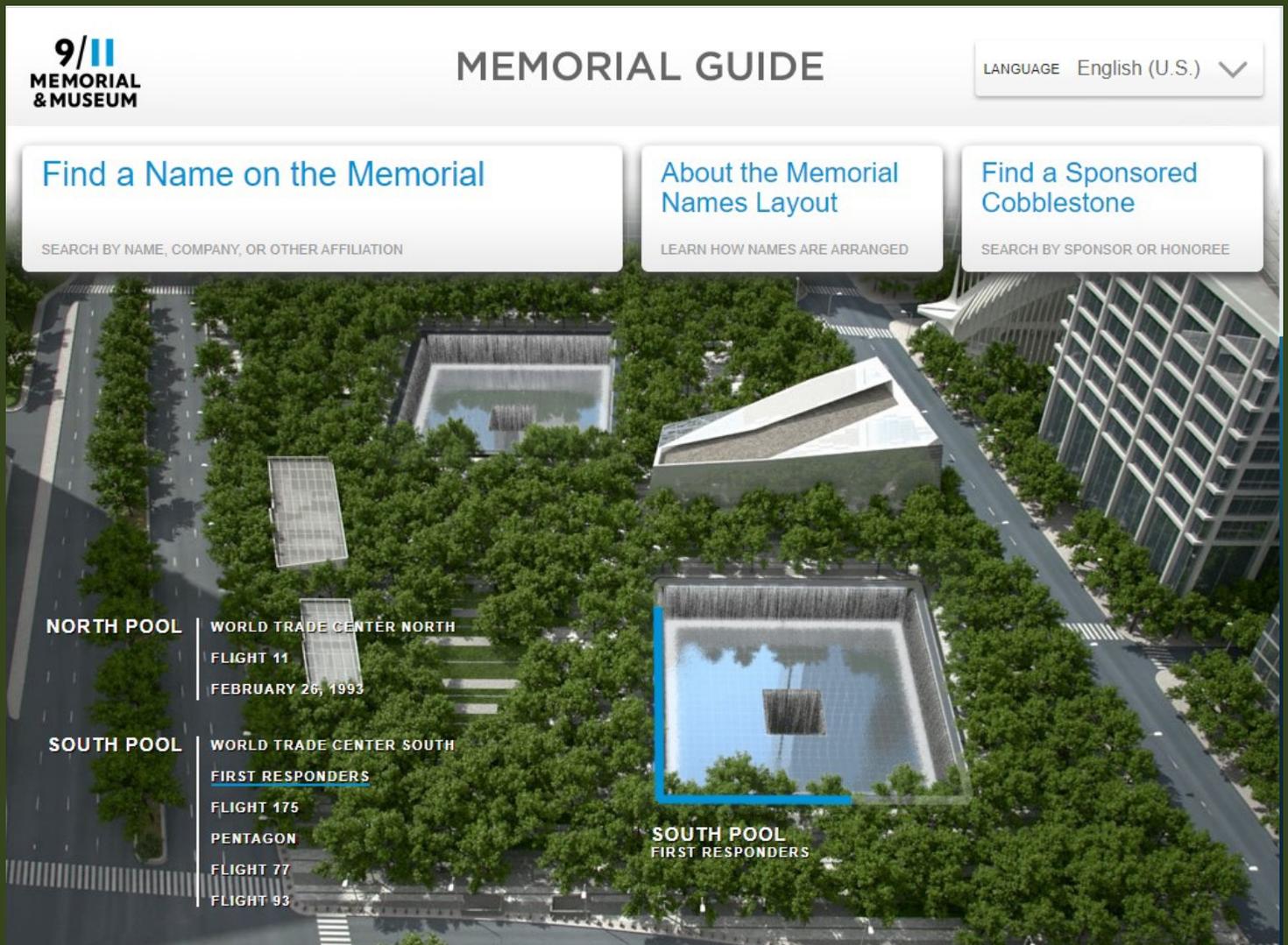


Photo Credit: publicdomainpictures.net

The ground once occupied by the Twin Towers is today transformed into a memorial park.

Twin reflecting pools now stand in the footprints of the Twin Towers with names of the victims of the September 11, 2001 attacks and those killed in the February 26, 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center etched into a bronze bastion that surrounds the memorial pools.

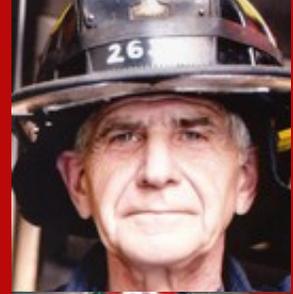
September 11th Memorial



Individuals can tour the 9/11 Memorial online, and locate the names of persons memorialized at the North and South Reflection Pools in the following groupings:

Flight 11
February 26, 1993
First Responders
Flight 175
Pentagon
Flight 77
Flight 93

Visit: <https://names.911memorial.org/>
(Hover mouse over above web address and click)



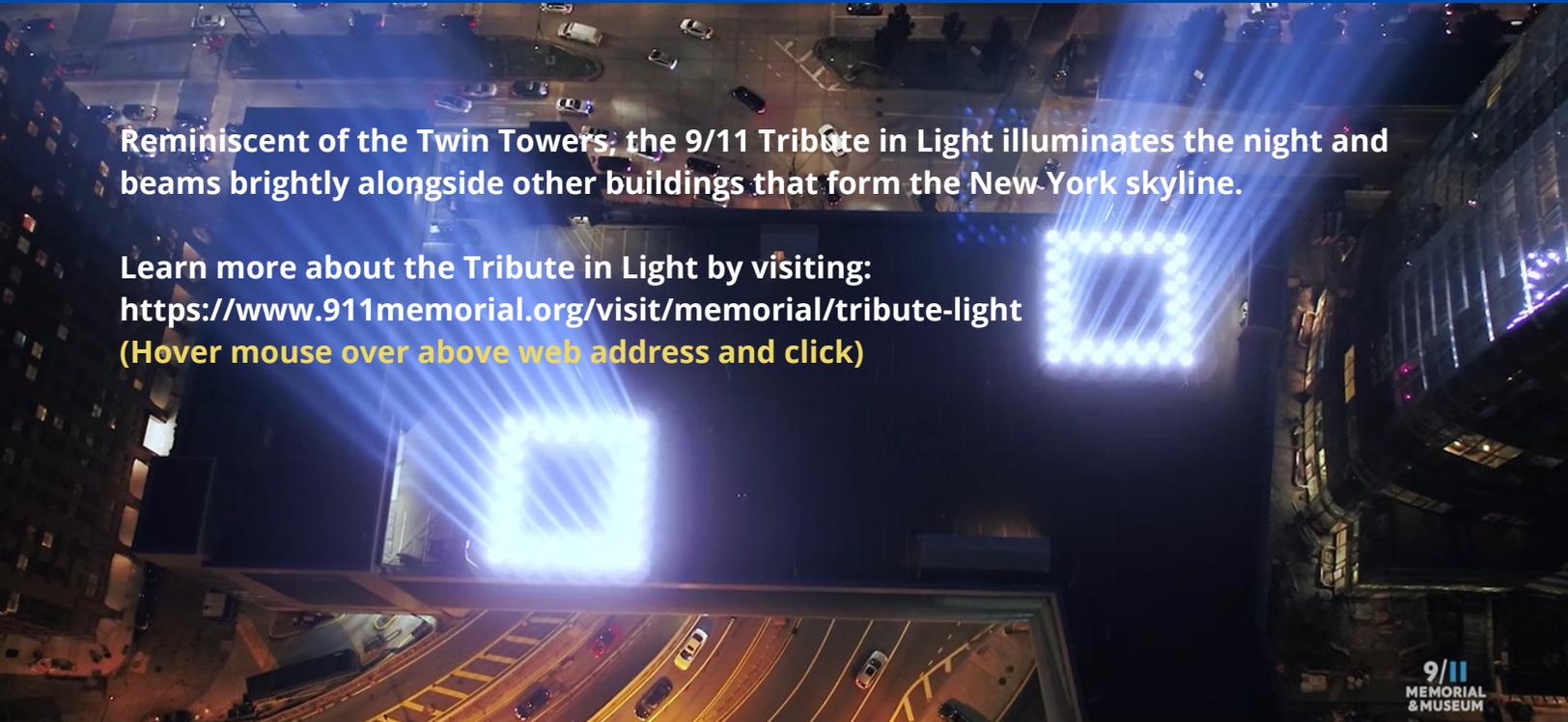
*The City of East Point
Fire Department salutes
the First Responders of
the New York Fire
Department who
responded heroically
and died courageously
on September 11, 2001.
We pay homage to the
343 Firefighters, our
comrades, killed.*



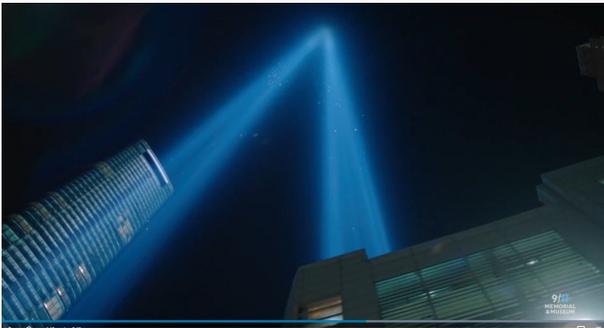
The 9/11 Tribute in Lights

Reminiscent of the Twin Towers, the 9/11 Tribute in Light illuminates the night and beams brightly alongside other buildings that form the New York skyline.

Learn more about the Tribute in Light by visiting:
<https://www.911memorial.org/visit/memorial/tribute-light>
(Hover mouse over above web address and click)



Information and Photo Credit: "Tribute in Light" Produced by NOVA CONCEPTS
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THE TRIBUTE OF LIGHT IS POSITIONED
ATOP A GARAGE SOUTH OF THE 9/11
MEMORIAL

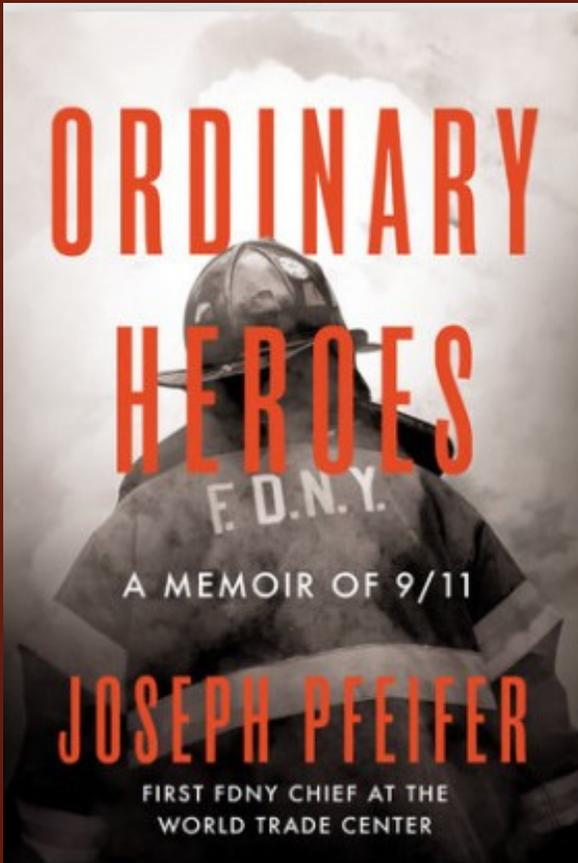
THE BLUE TWIN BEAMS SHINE AS
HIGH AS 4 MILES UPWARDS



THE TWIN BEAMS ARE SET IN TWO 48-
FOOT SQUARES THAT HOLD 88 SEVEN-
THOUSAND WATT XENON LIGHTBULBS



The Story of the first FDNY Chief that responded on September 11th



Chief Joseph Pfeifer gives a personal account of the horror of the attack, and the selfless act of Firefighters who stormed the World Trade Center to save lives.

ORDINARY HEROES

A MEMOIR OF 9/11

by Joseph Pfeifer
*the First FDNY Chief at
 the World Trade Center*

A compelling narrative and revealing account of September 11th that captures the enormity of events that day, as well as the days that followed.

Chief Joseph Pfeifer, now a retired Battalion Chief, shares how he and his firefighters were in downtown Manhattan on a call pertaining to the smell of a gas odor, when suddenly he witnessed the first hijacked plane crashing into the North Tower of the World Trade Center.

Pfeifer also shares memories of the last moments with his brother, Lieutenant Kevin Pfeifer, who was on shift that day and reported to him. He speaks of their final minutes together, before he commands his brother and his Engine Crew #33 to go up into the tower. It was the last time he saw his brother and Engine Crew #33.

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Fire Department Expands Fleet of Pumpers



Photo Above: Pictured left to right Provisional Fire Apparatus Operator Jeffery Williams, Firefighter Elijah Dobson, Fire Chief Corey Thornton, Battalion Chief Brandon Ervin, Lieutenant Scott Thompson

The East Point Fire Department recently expanded its line of Fire Trucks with the recent purchase of a 2020 Sutphen Custom Pumper. The apparatus was placed in service on September 13, 2021 as Engine 2, and is fully equipped with all battery powered tools and devices.

Fire Chief Corey Thornton said this state-of-the-art truck, will greatly assist the Department in providing the best Fire and EMS Services the state of Georgia has to offer. "This newest addition to our fleet will impact several generations to come by allowing us to continue providing Fire and EMS Services to not only keep our citizens, businesses and visitors safe, but to deliver the responses they expect and depend on."

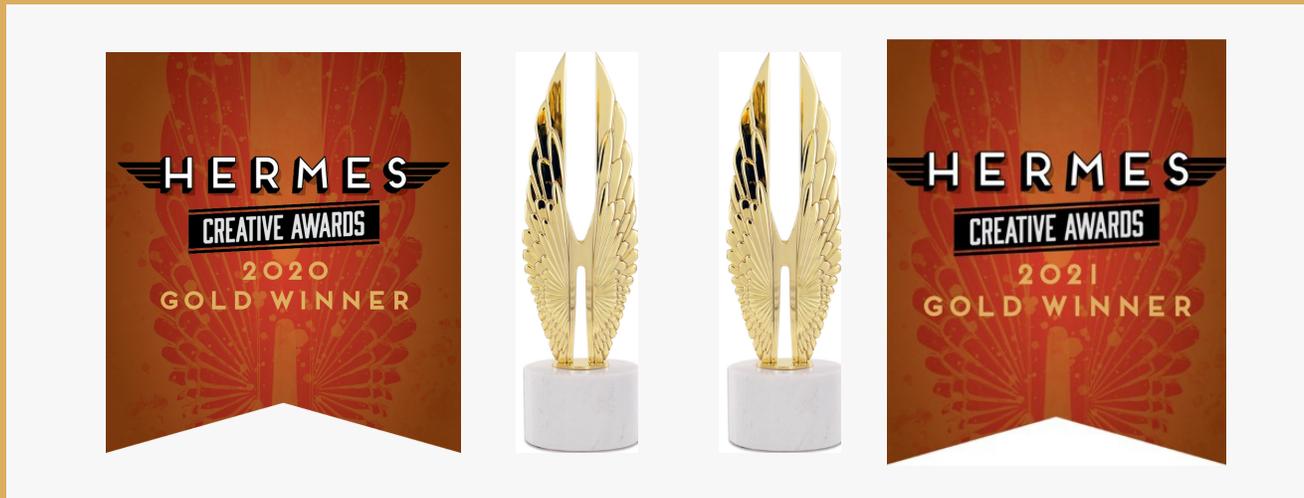
"We are grateful to the citizens of East Point as well as the Mayor, Council Members, City Manager Frederick Gardiner and Deputy City Manager, Deron King, for their commitment to Public Service and the overall welfare of the entire East Point community," Chief Thornton said.



Photo Above: Fire Chief Corey Thornton center flanked by Officers and the Crew of Engine 2

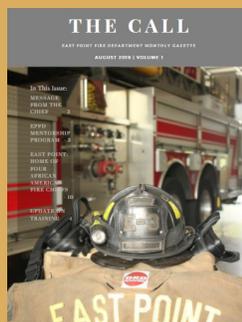
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The Hermes Creative Awards is one of the oldest and largest competitions of creative work in the marketing and communications industry. Winners range from individuals, to media conglomerates to Fortune 500 companies. Judges are industry professionals who look for companies and individuals whose talents exceed a high standard of excellence, and whose work serves as a benchmark for the industry.



South Metro Fire Chiefs Meet in East Point

Members of the South Metro Fire Chiefs convened in East Point to plan, strategize and share ideas on how to improve and expand Fire and EMS Services. The group meets monthly with participating Fire Departments alternating as host. Fire Chiefs from the following Departments make up the South Metro Fire Chiefs association:

- Fire Chief Greg Brett, Chattahoochee Hills Fire & Rescue
- Fire Chief Wade Elmore, College Park Fire Department
- Fire Chief Cornelius Robinson, Fairburn Fire Department
- Fire Chief David Bloodworth, City of Hapeville Fire & Rescue
- Fire Chief Henry W. Argo, City of Palmetto Fire Department
- Fire Chief Chad Jones, City of South Fulton Fire & Rescue
- Fire Chief Joe Maddox, Union City Fire Department
- Fire Chief Corey Thornton, City of East Point Fire Department



RETIRING AFTER MORE THAN A DECADE OF SERVICE



**Firefighter
Angelo Malone**
24 years of service



**Fire Apparatus Operator
Christopher Butler**
17 years of service

The East Point Fire Department recently honored two of its Firefighters for their dedication and years of service to the citizens of East Point and the Department at a retirement celebration. The honorees were Firefighter Angelo Malone who served 24 years, and Fire Apparatus Operator Christopher Butler who was with the department 17 years.

The retirement celebration was held Saturday, July 24, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. at The Hilton Garden Inn in East Point. The event was an evening of dinner, dancing and memorable moments shared by current and past East Point Firefighters and officers. Firefighter Malone and FAO Butler reflected on their careers saying, their decision to enter the Fire Service was one of the most rewarding experiences in their life.

Firefighter Angelo Malone:

"Being a Firefighter has been one of the greatest honors I've achieved. This career has impacted me on many levels. It provided me the opportunity to raise my daughter, and it afforded me the ability to live a lifestyle I am proud of. Furthermore, it allowed me to look at life and people in so many different ways."

Fire Apparatus Operator Christopher Butler:

"Someone once told me that 'every workday would feel like a Friday,' For me, that is what my experience has been in becoming a Firefighter with the City of East Point Fire Department. My entire time here has been priceless. What I will remember most are the laughs and camaraderie shared. After 17 years of service to the citizens, I am sad that this chapter is closing. I hope to have left a legacy of being diligent in my duties. The brotherhood, friendships and journey have all been real. My life will never be the same without you."

RETIRING AFTER MORE THAN A DECADE OF SERVICE (Continued)



Photo Above (pictured left to right): East Point Fire Chief Corey Thornton, Firefighter Angelo Malone, and City of Decatur Fire Chief Toni Washington joined by current and former East Point Firefighters present Malone with a Shadow Box of personalized Fire memorabilia.

Photo Left: Firefighter Malone talks about his Fire Service career.



Photo Above Left (pictured left to right): East Point Fire Chief Corey Thornton, FAO Christopher Butler, and City of Decatur Fire Chief Toni Washington joined by current and former East Point Firefighters presenting a Shadow Box of personalized Fire memorabilia to the honoree.



Photo Above Right: FAO Butler shares highlights of his career with the East Point Fire Department.

Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety™



Is there a beep or a chirp coming out of your smoke or carbon monoxide alarm? What does it all mean? Knowing the difference can save you, your home, and your family! Make sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and knows how to respond. Learn the sounds of your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms by checking the user guide or search the brand and model online.

What is your alarm telling you?

SMOKE ALARMS

- A continued set of three loud beeps—beep, beep, beep—means smoke or fire. Get out, call **9-1-1**, and stay out.
- A single “chirp” every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be changed.
- All smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.

CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) ALARMS

- A continuous set of four loud beeps—beep, beep, beep, beep—means carbon monoxide is present in your home. Go outside, call **9-1-1** and stay out.
- A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be replaced.
- CO alarms also have “end of life” sounds that vary by manufacturer. This means it’s time to get a new CO alarm.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.

Make sure your smoke and CO alarms meet the needs of everyone in your home, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.

Some tips:

- ✓ Install a bedside alert device that responds to the sound of the smoke and CO alarms. Use of a low frequency alarm can also wake a sleeping person with mild to severe hearing loss.
- ✓ Sleep with your mobility device, glasses, and phone close to your bed.
- ✓ Keep pathways like hallways lit with night lights and free from clutter to make sure everyone can get out safely.

Hear a Beep, Get On Your Feet!

Get out and stay out! Call 9-1-1 from outside.



Hear a Chirp, Make a Change!

A chirping alarm needs attention. Replace the batteries or the entire unit if it's over 10 years old. If you don't remember how old the unit is, replace it!



**FIRE
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WEEK™**



Happy BIRTHDAY

The East Point Fire Department extends best wishes to the following personnel who celebrated Birthdays, and we thank you for your dedicated service to the Department and Community.

Firefighter Ryan Dublin

Firefighter Daisja Collins

Firefighter Amos Williams

Lieutenant Robert Paulus

Firefighter Lavell Taplis

Fire Apparatus Operator Richard Turner

Firefighter William "Pete" Steel

Lieutenant Douglas Stanley

Lieutenant Cedric Chaney

Firefighter Kelwin Lockhart

Fire Apparatus Operator Scott Zoebisch

Wyndra Carter, Fire Department Human Resources Manager



Smoke and CO Alarms for People who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Working smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms save lives. People who are deaf or hard of hearing may not be able to depend on typical alarms to let them know there is danger.

There are special alarms and devices to ensure everyone can be alerted in case of fire or high CO levels.

- ▶ When the smoke alarm sounds, strobe lights flash to alert people who are deaf or hard of hearing of a possible fire when they are awake.
- ▶ When they are asleep, a pillow or bed shaker should be used to wake and alert them to fire conditions so they can escape. This device is activated by the sound of a standard smoke alarm. People who are deaf may find that the shaker paired with a high-intensity strobe light is helpful to wake them.
- ▶ Smoke and CO alarms can be installed that use a low-frequency sound. These will work better to wake a sleeping person who has mild to severe hearing loss.
- ▶ These special devices and alarms can also signal when the battery is low.

Research the different products and select the ones that fit the needs of the people in your home. These can be easily installed without a professional. Products can be found in home improvement stores, online, and on manufacturer websites. Pick devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory, which is often disclosed on the product's packaging.

Did You Know?

According to the National Institute of Health, one in eight people in the United States (13 percent, or 30 million) aged 12 years or older has hearing loss in both ears, based on standard hearing examinations.

Smoke Alarms

- ▶ Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- ▶ For the best protection, choose interconnected smoke alarms. When one sounds, they all sound.
- ▶ Test alarms at least once a month using the test button.
- ▶ Replace smoke alarms if they are over 10 years old.

Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarms

- ▶ Install CO alarms outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home. This includes the basement and attic. Do not place alarms near fireplaces or fuel-burning appliances. Check to see what the law is in your community for placement.
- ▶ Replace CO alarms between 5-10 years or as stated in the manufacturer's instructions.

Reduce Your Risk!

Installing both smoke alarms and fire sprinklers reduces the risk of death in a home fire by 82 percent, compared to having neither installed.

Make a Plan

Everyone in the home should know the sounds and signals of the smoke and CO alarms. When the alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Have an outside meeting place to make sure that everyone gets out safely. Call 9-1-1 from outside your home from a mobile phone or a trusted neighbor's phone.



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Alarmas de humo y CO para personas sordas o con dificultades auditivas

Las alarmas de humo y CO operativas salvan vidas. Las personas sordas o con dificultades auditivas pueden no ser capaces de depender de las alarmas típicas para alertarlos del peligro.

Hay alarmas y dispositivos especiales para garantizar que todos sean alertados en caso de incendio o niveles altos de CO.

- ▶ Cuando suena la alarma, luces estroboscópicas alertan a personas sordas o con dificultad auditiva de un posible incendio cuando están despiertas.
- ▶ Cuando duermen, un agitador de almohada o cama debería usarse para despertarlos y alertarlos del fuego para que escapen. El dispositivo se activa con el sonido de la alarma de humo estándar. La combinación del agitador y la alta intensidad de las luces estroboscópicas puede ayudar a despertar a personas sordas.
- ▶ Se pueden instalar alarmas de humo y CO de baja frecuencia. Estas funcionan mejor para despertar una persona con pérdida auditiva leve o severa.
- ▶ Estos dispositivos y alarmas especiales también pueden dar señal de batería baja.

Investiga los diferentes productos y elige los que satisfacen las necesidades de las personas en tu hogar. Estos pueden ser fácilmente instalados sin un profesional. Se encuentran en tiendas de mejoramiento del hogar, en línea y sitios web de fabricantes. Elige dispositivos listados por un laboratorio de prueba calificado, que por lo general está marcado en el envoltorio.

¿Sabías qué?

Según el Instituto Nacional de Salud, una de cada ocho personas en los EE. UU. (13%, o 30 millones) de 12 años o mayores tienen pérdida auditiva en ambos oídos, basado en evaluaciones auditivas estándar.

Alarmas de Humo

- ▶ Instala alarmas de humo en cada dormitorio, fuera de las áreas de dormir y en cada nivel de la casa, incluyendo el sótano.
- ▶ Para mejor protección, elige alarmas de humo interconectadas. Cuando una suena, suenan todas.
- ▶ Prueba las alarmas por lo menos una vez al mes usando el botón de prueba.
- ▶ Reemplaza las alarmas de humo si tienen más de 10 años.

Alarmas de Monóxido de Carbono (CO)

- ▶ Instala alarmas de CO afuera de cada área separada de dormir y en cada nivel de la casa, incluyendo sótano y ático. No instales alarmas cerca de chimeneas o artefactos que queman combustible. Verifica que dice la ley en tu comunidad sobre la ubicación.
- ▶ Reemplaza las alarmas de CO entre 5-10 años o según las instrucciones del fabricante.

¡Reduce tu riesgo!

Instalar ambos alarmas de humo y rociadores contra incendio reduce 82 por ciento el riesgo de muerte en un incendio residencial, comparado con no tener ninguno de los dos.

Elabora un plan

Todos deberían conocer los sonidos y señales de las alarmas de humo y CO. Cuando suena la alarma, vete y quédate afuera. Ten un lugar de encuentro afuera para asegurarte que todos salgan de forma segura. Llama al 9-1-1 desde afuera de la casa desde un celular o teléfono de un vecino de confianza.



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peligros de incendios, eléctricos y peligros relacionados



Fire Prevention Week

Established in observance of the Great Chicago Fire and a turning point in fire safety



by P.I.O. Renita T. Shelton

On the evening of Sunday, October 8, 1871 a fire started in a southern area of Chicago, Illinois that burned until the early morning hours of Tuesday, October 10, 1871. The conflagration started near the city's west side and spread to the north and east killing an estimated 300 people and leaving 100,00 homeless. In its wake, more than 2,000 acres of land burned and 17,450 buildings were destroyed resulting in \$200 million in damages. The catastrophic event became known as the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, and it served as a catalyst for change in the Fire Service in the way fire safety was viewed and handled.

The National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) has publicly observed Fire Prevention Week now for nearly a century, since 1922. However, it is President Calvin Coolidge who is credited with establishing a week long national observance, which the country continues to observe today. Then and now, Fire Prevention week serves as a time when Fire Departments around the nation educate people on how to prevent fires as well as how to respond when confronted with the emergency.



The Cow Tale and others on how the Great Chicago Fire started. Above image Chicago History Museum/Getty Images.



A City in Ashes, and the Dawn of Fire Prevention Week. A look at the destruction caused by the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. Above image rendering by Currier and Ives.



Up From The Ashes. The Chicago Fire Training Facility marks the spot where the Great Fire Chicago allegedly started.

MYTHS SURROUNDING THE CHICAGO FIRE



Photo: Depiction of Catherine O'Leary and her cow kicking lantern.
Image courtesy of Chicago History Museum/Getty Images

A Woman, Her Cow and a Flame

by P.I.O. Renita T. Shelton

Mystery and intrigue as to how the Great Chicago Fire started has fascinated inquiring minds for decades. While there are several tales of what the catalyst of the blaze may have been, one story in particular has become legendary. At the center of the account are a cow, and an Irishwoman by the name of Catherine O'Leary.

As the tale goes, the fire was sparked as Mrs. O'Leary was milking one of her cows that kicked over a lantern. Flames are said to have raced from the O'Leary barn through the entire city of Chicago. While authorities agree that the fire started near the O'Leary barn, there's no evidence that a spooked cow started the uncontrollable inferno or even that Mrs. O'Leary was present. She gave testimony that on the night of the fire, which started around 9:00 P.M., she tucked the cows in early, and that she herself retired a short time later.

MYTHS SURROUNDING THE CHICAGO FIRE



Photo: Cottage of Mrs. Catherine O'Leary and husband, Patrick O'Leary.
Credit: Chicago Historical Society and J.H. Abbott Stereograph, 1871

Speculation and Conjectures

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Historians and Reporters have offered their own accounts of how the fire started. Some speculated that boys smoking near the O'Leary barn are to blame. Others said a drunken neighbor of the O'Leary's was the culprit. There was also a narrative that a burning meteorite entering earth's atmosphere spewed particles that started several fires on October 8, 1871 in Chicago, as well as Wisconsin and Michigan.

Although the Chicago Fire was an incident that received the most attention, it was not the biggest fire during that period. The Peshtigo Fire, deemed the greatest forest fire in America, was also raging at the time. It burned 1.2 million acres, killing 1,152 people and destroying 16 towns. Peshtigo, Wisconsin was the town hardest hit, and was destroyed within the time span of one hour.

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Photo: Aerial View of Chicago after the Great Fire
Image Credit: Chicago History Museum; Getty Images; Time Magazine

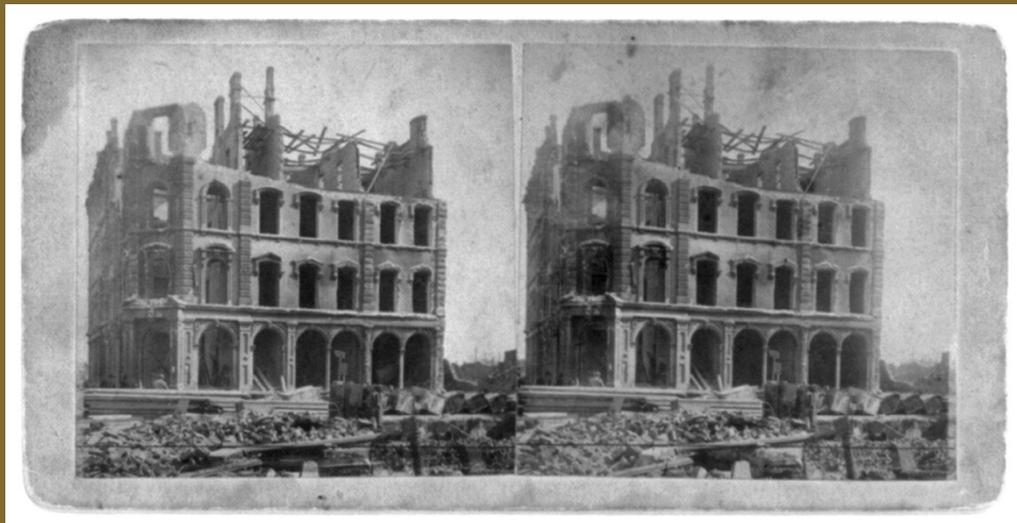


Photo: Building in ruins
Image Credit: Library of Congress

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Photo: Painted Cyclorama of the Great Chicago Fire
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Photo: Stereograph of Sherman House on October 9, 1871
on day two of the Great Chicago Fire
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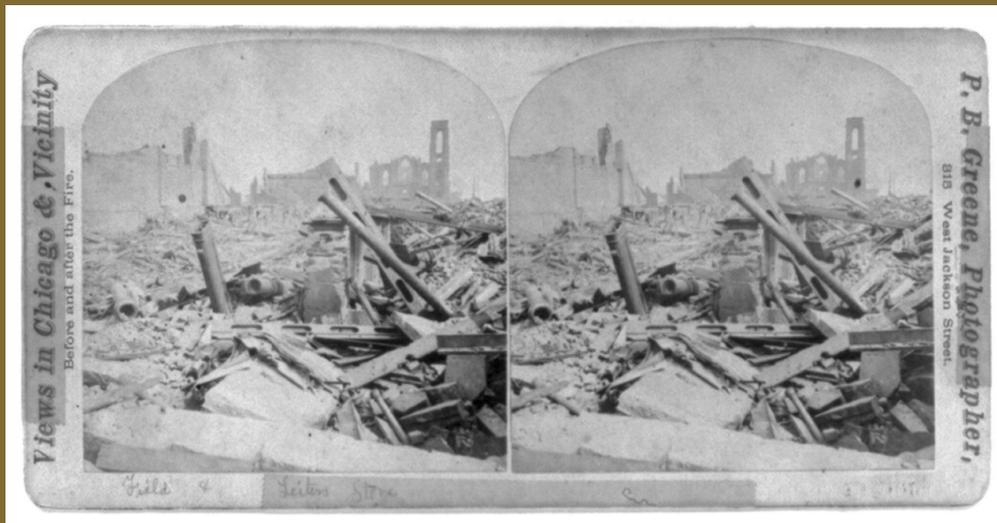


Photo: Store in Ruins
Image Credit: P.B. Greene, Photographer
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Photo: Area of Chicago in the wake of the fire
Image Credit: The Associated Press

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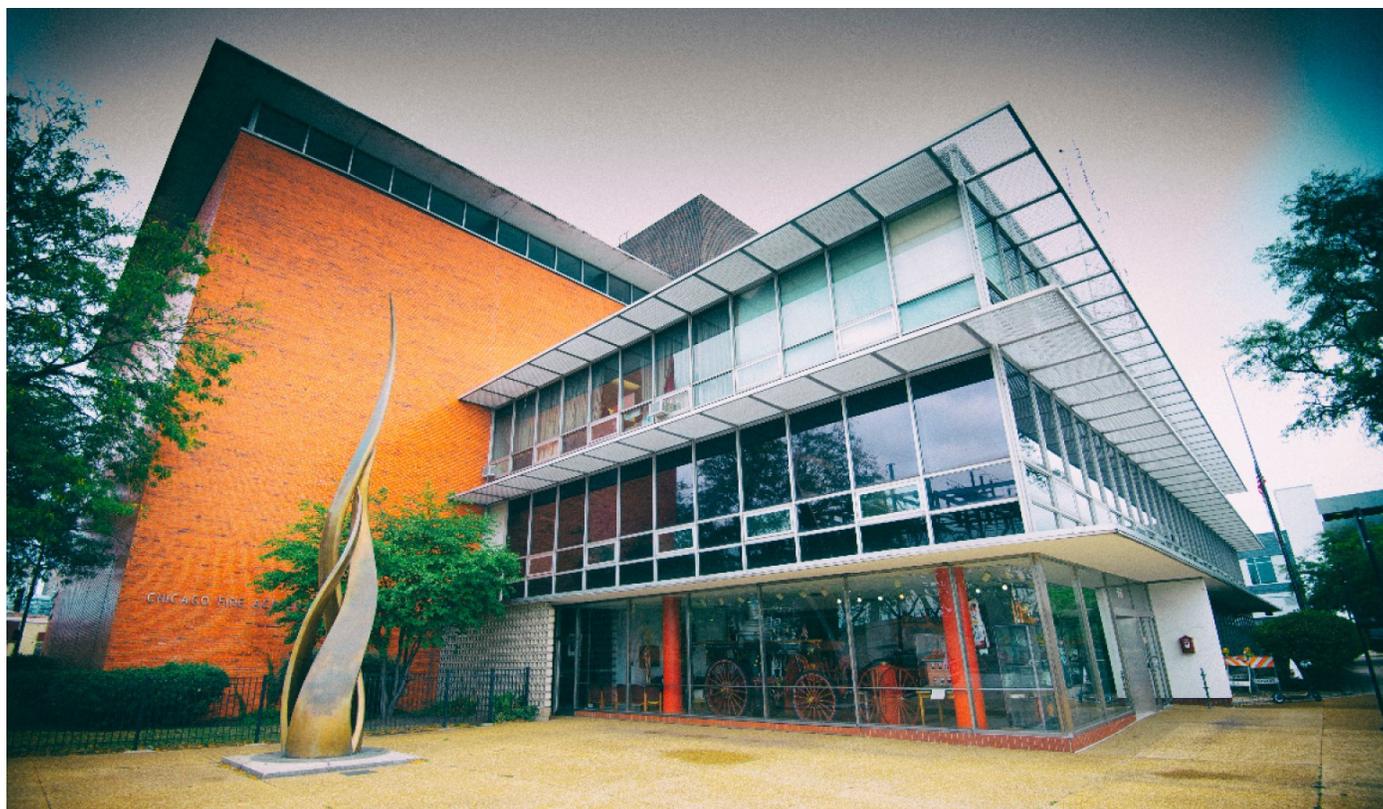
Photo: Building Destroyed
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The Associated Press

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Photo: Building Shell
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Above: The Robert J. Quinn Fire Academy in Chicago, Illinois, erected on the site where the Great Chicago Fire allegedly started. The bronze sculpture pictured left is the "Pillar of Fire," created to commemorate the tragic event that occurred in 1871. Photo Credit: Jason Marck for WBEZ Chicago

Up from the Ashes

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The year 2021 marks the 150th anniversary of one of the most devastating fires in American history. It was indicated that the heat of the Great Chicago fire, which broke out on the evening of Sunday, October 8, 1871, was so intense that it was not until a day or two later that an assessment of the damages could begin.

The location of the fire was said to occur on the property of Patrick and Catherine O'Leary, in a barn where Mrs. O'Leary was milking a cow that kicked over a lantern. According to authorities, Chicago at the time was a booming city, labeled the fastest growing in the United States, with a burgeoning population of 300,000 citizens. To keep up with the fast expansion, the city was built speedily with structures being made of wood, which was the material most readily available. When the fire started it moved swiftly through densely packed streets consuming everything in its path, including major department stores, banks and hotels.

Standing today in the very spot where the fire started is the Robert J. Quinn Fire Academy, one of Chicago's sprawling Firefighting training facilities. The Chicago Fire and the Peshtigo Fire (which erupted in Northeast Wisconsin during the same period, forever changed the Fire Industry giving way to a stronger set of rules, practices and codes. On the 40th anniversary of



Ground Zero of where the Great Chicago fire, began site of the O'Leary's cottage and barn . The Firefighter emblem with 1871 marks the exact location of the Barn where the fire brokeout.

the Great Chicago Fire, the Fire Marshals Association of North America - which today is known as the International Fire Marshals Association - determined that the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire should be observed as a time to inform the public on the importance of fire prevention and safety. In a 1920 proclamation, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the country's first National Fire Prevention Day, followed by President Calvin Coolidge in 1925 establishing a week long national observance, after 15,000 lives were lost to fire in the previous year. Thus, Fire Prevention week was officially established and continues to be observed today.

Exonerated More Than A Century Later

After being blamed, ridiculed and shamed for starting the Great Chicago Fire, Katherine O'Leary was finally exonerated more than a century later. The Chicago City Council exonerated Mrs. O'Leary in a 1997 ordinance, clearing her of any wrongdoing.



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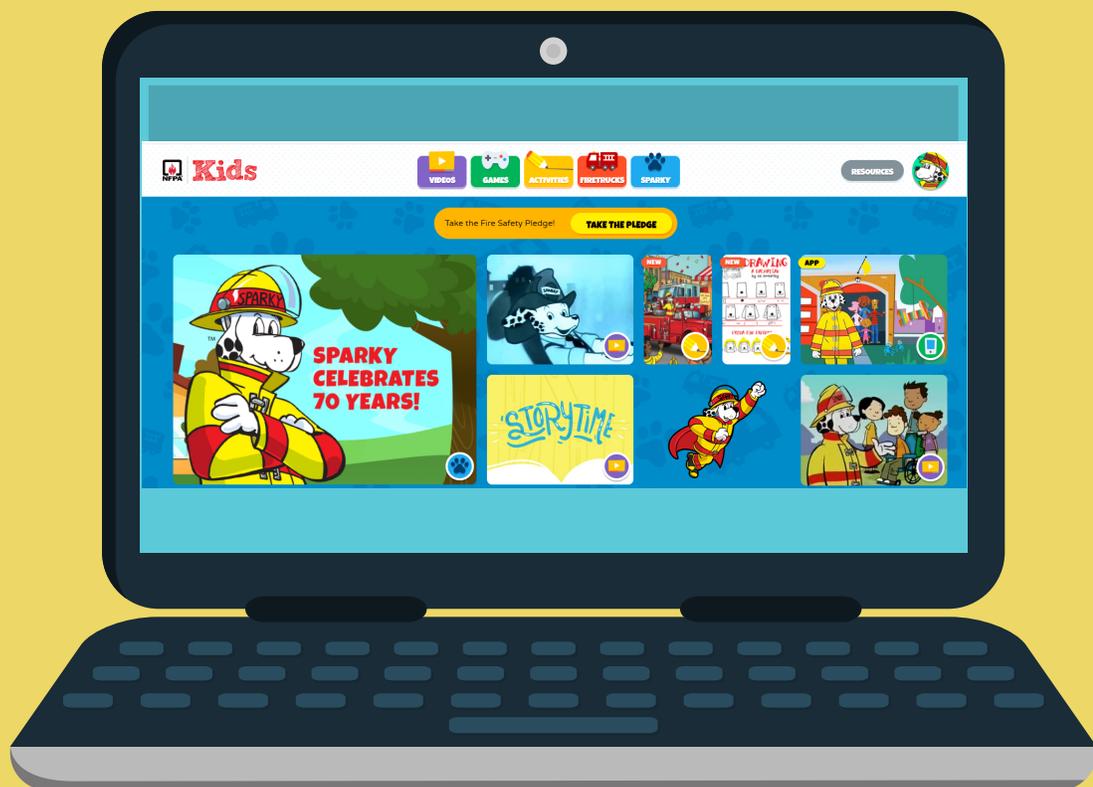


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Above Photo: Wall honoring all who perished on September 11, 2001
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We will never forget

*Fire Chief Corey Thornton and
the Men and Women of The City of East Point Fire Department*