

A Brief History of the Firefighter's 911 Truth Movement

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According to Webster Tarpley, PhD historian and writer, members of the NYFD were the greatest immediate threat to the official myth of the cause of the collapse of the towers. For this reason, he argues, they were the target of psychological warfare. Stories were circulated about looting by the NYFD which supposedly had begun to take place even before the towers had collapsed. NY City Mayor Rudy Giuliani tried to limit the number of firemen working on the WTC rubble pile, who were trying to recover the bodies of fallen firefighters before the rubble was removed. A firefighter demonstration against his WTC policies degenerated into a full-scale riot between the firefighters and the police.

The first call for serious investigation of the 9/11/01 WTC destruction was by Bill Manning, editor of *Fire Engineering* [a trade magazine with ties to the New York Fire Department]. On January 4, 2002, an editorial called the investigation into the collapse of the WTC structures a "half-baked farce." The article pointed out that the probe had not looked at all aspects of the disaster and had limited access to documents and other evidence. Manning, noting that destruction of evidence is illegal, demanded that the removal of the 300,000 tons of steel columns must stop immediately, to no avail.

According to the *New York Times*, the City of New York held hundreds of documents and audio tapes recording the response of emergency services to the September 11 attacks on the WTC, which it said should, for various reasons, never be released to the general public. Included in this material were the oral histories given to Fire Department officials by firefighters and chiefs after Sept. 11. The 911 Commission also wanted access to these materials. A "compromise" was reached. According to the *New York Times*, the Bloomberg administration agreed to release redacted versions of the materials and would allow 911 Commission members to review the unredacted versions under administration supervision. The court finally ruled that portions of the materials containing opinions and recommendations would be redacted, "since such opinions and recommendations are to be distinguished from factual material."

On Aug. 2, 2002, discovery of a "lost" audiotape was reported. This tape is important, because it established that firefighters, including Chief Orio Palmer, actually reached the crash zone on the 78th floor of the South tower, and apparently believed they were in control of the situation. Access to this "lost" audiotape was severely restricted by the Justice Department. Relatives of the 16 firefighters whose voices were identified on the tape were allowed to hear their last words but were first required to sign a statement of nondisclosure.

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) was charged with determining how and why WTC 1, 2, and 7 "collapsed." The study began in 2002. The 10,000-page final report for buildings 1 and 2 was published three years later, in September 2005, by a staff of hundreds with a budget of 17.5 million dollars. Although focusing on aspects of the "collapse", NIST still admits they do not know how global collapse ensued, although it implicates fire and aircraft impact as causal factors.

Several Requests for Correction (RFCs) were filed with NIST in 2007, by 9/11 family members Bob McIlvaine and Bill Doyle, physicist Steven E. Jones, former UL manager, Kevin Ryan, architect Richard Gage, and the group *Scholars for 9/11 Truth and Justice* for a number of flaws, but all were dismissed.

AE911 Truth was founded in 2006 by Richard Gage. The mission of this organization was, and still is, to research, compile, and disseminate scientific evidence relative to the destruction of the three World Trade Center skyscrapers on 9/11/2001. Over a number of years, largely under the leadership of Gage, a number of informative DVDs have been produced.

Dr. James Quintiere, former Chief of the Fire Science Division of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), called for an independent review of NIST's investigation into the collapses of the World Trade Center Towers on 9/11. He made his plea during his presentation, "*Questions on the WTC Investigations*" at the 2007 World Fire Safety Conference. His objections to the NIST WTC study include those already put forward by the engineering community and 9/11 Truth researchers and include failure to validate (simulate) conclusions.

By 2007, the truth battleground had moved to WTC7, which, unlike WTC1 and WTC2, had not been struck by an aircraft. AE911 Truth became firmly engaged. The final NIST report on building 7 was released in November 2008.

Firefighters for 911 Truth was founded in 2008 by Seattle firefighter Erik Lawyer. In this organization's first DVD, *Firehouse 9/11*, Lawyer and Richard Gage discuss some of the flaws in the NIST investigation from the perspective of firefighters. These include failure to follow National Fire Protection Association Guidelines put forward in NFPA 921.

In 2013, members of the Seattle contingent of AE911 Truth, under the auspices of Richard Gage, provided First Responder agencies in western WA with a complimentary two-DVD information pack: *Experts Speak Out*, and *Firehouse 9-11*. 80 sets of these DVDs, with cover letters, were hand distributed to police, fire, and sheriff's offices in parts of Snohomish, King, Kitsap, Clallam, Jefferson, Pierce, Thurston, Lewis, Cowlitz, and Mason counties. Several Chiefs or their representatives expressed concern over the issues raised.

On September 6, 2017, Dr. Leroy Hulsey, Professor Emeritus in Civil Engineering at the University of Alaska at Fairbanks, presented the findings and conclusions of a multi-year study of WTC Building 7 and its collapse on 9/11/01. The principal conclusion of the study is that fire did not cause the collapse of WTC 7 on 9/11.

Directed by Dylan Avery and narrated by Ed Asner, *SEVEN*, released on September 12, 2020 by AE911 Truth, tells the story of World Trade Center Building 7 — from its jaw-dropping "collapse" on 9/11 to the government's blatant cover-up to the intrepid study by Dr. Leroy Hulsey and his Ph.D. students at the University of Alaska at Fairbanks.

In 2020, Firefighters for 9/11 Truth produced the DVD *Calling Out BRAVO-7*, which expands on the issue of WTC7 from the perspective of firefighters.

Taking NIST's claim of the unprecedented collapse of a 47-story high-rise due to "normal office fires" at face value, **PAPA**, the Protecting All Protectors Alliance, also founded by Erik Lawyer, was formed to ensure the safety of firefighters, building occupants, and the public by advocating for updated, science-based fire safety standards. If a new failure mechanism has been discovered, WTC7 is an important case study, and the collapse mechanism needs to be understood, and measures taken to prevent it from happening again. This is fire protection protocol.

They call on the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to address this critical issue. According to Richard Gage, for three years, the Protecting All Protectors Alliance has held powerful 9/11 Truth evidence booths at national fire conferences, attracting many firefighters to confront the evidence regarding WTC7. As of the end of 2024, 600 firefighters have signed up to get additional information.

In June of 2024, a dynamic WTC7 presentation was given on the floor of the National Fire Protection Association's exhibition hall, featuring firefighter & textbook author Captain Raul Angulo of the Seattle Fire Department, SFD firefighter Erik Lawyer, UK firefighter/filmmaker Paul Kayley, and Richard Gage.

The presentation attracted publishers of two international fire protection magazines, who invited Capt. Angulo to write the definitive article *Did World Trade Center Building 7 really collapse due to an office fuel load fire*. In the resulting article, Angulo discusses the UAF as well as NIST findings. He reasonably observes that these two equally qualified, academically credentialed scientific bodies have diametrically opposing conclusions.

Their conclusions either change or confirm our accepted fire service Highrise strategy and tactics, as well as our understanding of how these buildings will react under normal fire conditions. But who is right? If NIST is correct, the appropriate codes and standards, Highrise firefighting strategy and tactics, construction, and fire safety systems for office fires need to be reviewed and updated.

If the UAF report is correct, WTC7 collapsed from something other than office fires. In this case, the firefighting community owes it to the public and the fire service to dutifully declare that the current International Building and Fire Codes and Standards, strategy, tactics, and understanding of construction and behavior of Highrise buildings in normal fire conditions, as well as fire safety systems, are accurate, trustworthy, and reliable as they now exist. He urges the firefighting community to petition and request that the NFPA perform an objective formal review of both the NIST and UAF studies

This article came to the attention of Curt Weldon, a former US Representative for the 7th district of Pennsylvania from 1987 to 2007, as well as a firefighter and fire Chief.

Subsequently Weldon has appeared in a youtube video with Andy Steele and Roland Angle of AE911Truth, and Leroy Hulsey from the University of Alaska at Fairbanks, to discuss the path forward.

Richard Gage notes that Weldon has tasked Captain Angulo with assembling a 9/11 truth team, which will provide demolition, structural, and firefighter evidence. Legal work of the Lawyers' Committee for 9/11 Inquiry will also be provided.

"Regarding his work in the trenches since 9/11, the Congressman said to us in yesterday's interview, 'I have offended the Deep State, and that's the problem and the battle that you're going to have to fight! . . . You're dealing with sinister people who put together plans to harm America and the world. I saw it. I lived it. And I've paid the price . . .

The worst they can do is kill me.'"

Interestingly, although 9/11 happened on republican George W. Bush's watch, Weldon is expecting support from the new Trump administration. Given the available evidence of Israeli complicity in 9/11, Trump's proclaimed support of Israel, and the fact that the Israeli lobby in the US donated a large amount of money to Trump's campaign, it will be very interesting to see how this all plays out.

According to Webster Tarpley Full scale riot

9/11 Synthetic Terror: Made in the USA p. 232

The first call for serious investigation Bill Manning

Selling out the Investigation: Fire Engineering: January 4, 2002

According to the *New York Times*

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End Notes https://seattle911visibilityproject.in/rwtcpdf_fn.pdf

The National Institute of Standards and Technology

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AE911 Truth Architects and Engineers for 911 Truth

<https://www1.ae911truth.org/en/home.html>

Experts Speak Out youtube

2012

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ddz2mw2vaEg>

Blueprint for truth youtube

March 23 2009

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b74naeawdCs>

Dec23 2010 youtube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OQgVCj7q49o>

Nov 5 2013 Full Documentary youtube

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-NZwPqXRu_I

Dr. James Quintiere

https://www.opednews.com/populum/page.php?f=genera_alan_mil_070820_former_chief_of_nist.htm

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<https://www.ae911truth.org/evidence/the-official-theory-wtc7>

Firefighters for 911 Truth

<https://www.ff911truth.org>

Firehouse 9/11

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FMeTRYImhxw>

In 2013, members of the Seattle contingent

List of WA state First Responder recipients of two-DVD information pack

[Recipients.pdf](#)

On September 6, 2017, Dr. Leroy Hulsey

The final report can be found here: <http://ine.uaf.edu/projects/wtc7/>

See also <http://WTC7Evaluation.org>.

Directed by Dylan Avery

<https://www.ae911truth.org/seven> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w7peCagUQt8>

In 2020, Firefighters for 9/11 Truth

<https://www.ff911truth.org/bravo7>

Taking NIST's claim of the unprecedented collapse PAPA

<https://www.protectingall.org>

The presentation attracted publishers

<https://internationalfireandsafetyjournal.com/did-world-trade-center-building-7-really-collapse-due-to-an-office-fuel-load-fire/>

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It turns out that Weldon is also an experienced firefighter and fire chief. His 2017 book *Awakening the Sleeping Giant: The Political Empowerment of America's Heroes* has rated 4.6 out of 5 stars on Amazon and pointed the way to a partnership of the firefighter community with AE911 Truth.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wWZNjtwQ7Oo>

Richard Gage notes

https://richardgage911.substack.com/p/capt-raul-angulo-authors-a-scathing?utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email

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