

MULTIPLE FIREFIGHTER FATALITY INCIDENTS

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2001 - SEPTEMBER 11 - MANHATTAN, NY

343 Firefighters

They were killed while operating at the terrorist attack in which two planes were flown into the twin towers of the World Trade Center. Both towers caught fire and totally collapsed, killing most of the emergency service personnel operating in the buildings.

1947 - APRIL 16 - TEXAS CITY, TX

27 Firefighters

While operating at fire aboard a ship, which was loaded with ammonium nitrate, they were killed instantly when a massive explosion occurred, which was the start of the Texas City Disaster.

1910 - DECEMBER 22 - CHICAGO, IL

21 Firefighters

While operating at a major fire in a meat packing plant, they were killed when a wall of the six-story plant crashed down upon them.

1956 - JULY 29 - SUN RAY, TX

19 Firefighters

They were killed while operating at a major fire in an oil and gas refinery.

1953 - JULY 9 - ALDER CREEK, CA

15 Firefighters

While a crew of 23 firefighters were resting and eating sandwiches in a canyon after controlling a series of spot fires, a sudden wind shift increased in intensity, throwing burning embers across a control line. The men began to run for their lives as the blow-up raced down the canyon toward them. Eight men were able to scale the canyon walls and climb to safety, while the remaining 15 were caught in the fire as they attempted to desperately dig shelter holes in the ground.

1994 - JULY 6 - GLENWOOD, CO

14 Firefighters

While operating at a major lightning-sparked wildfire, they were killed when shifting 70-mph winds trapped them and the fire swept over their position.

1890 - MARCH 17 - INDIANAPOLIS, IN

13 Firefighters

While operating on the interior at a three-alarm fire in a book store, they were killed when the entire four-story structure collapsed.

1910 - DECEMBER 22 - PHILADELPHIA, PA

13 Firefighters

While operating at a two-alarm fire in a leather factory, several men were killed when a portion of the building collapsed. Several more were killed in a secondary collapse during the rescue effort.

1941 - MARCH 10 - BROCKTON, MA

13 Firefighters

While making an interior attack on a two-alarm fire in a theater, they were killed when the entire roof collapsed on top of them.

1949 - AUGUST 5 - MANN GULCH, MT

13 Firefighters

Trapped in a canyon by a fire that was racing towards them at over 600 feet

per minute, they were killed as the fire, fanned by 30 mph winds, swept over them.

1954 - OCTOBER 28 - PHILADELPHIA, PA

12 Firefighters

While checking an ammonia leak in a commercial laboratory, they were killed when a massive explosion occurred in a chemical tank.

1966 - OCTOBER 17 - MANHATTAN, NY

12 Firefighters

While operating at a five-alarm cellar fire in a loft building, they were killed when the first floor collapsed, pitching them into the roaring inferno in the basement. It was the worst disaster in FDNY history until the World Trade Center Disaster occurred in 2001.

1966 - NOVEMBER 1 - LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CA

12 Firefighters

While operating at a wildfire in Pacoima Canyon, in the Angeles National Forest, they were killed when Santa Ana winds suddenly changed direction, trapping them in a sudden blow-up of fire.

1973 - JULY 5 - KINGMAN, AZ

12 Firefighters

They were killed in a propane tank car explosion while operating at a fire in a gas plant.

1854 - APRIL 25 - MANHATTAN, NY

11 Firefighters

While operating at a fire in a four story brick clothing factory, they were killed when the roof and top two floors collapsed down through the building and onto a second floor extension.

1896 - SEPTEMBER 6 - BENTON HARBOR, MI

11 Firefighters

They were killed when they were caught under a collapsing wall while operating at a major fire involving an opera house. Six were from Benton Harbor and five were from Saint Joseph.

1966 - NOVEMBER - SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CA

11 Firefighters

While operating at a wildfire in the Inaja National Forest, they were killed when a sudden wind-shift caused the fire to sweep over their position.

1850 - JULY 9 - PHILADELPHIA, PA

10 Firefighters

While battling a major fire that destroyed close to 400 buildings, and killed 18 civilians, they were killed when a series of explosions and collapses took place.

1857 - OCTOBER 19 - CHICAGO, IL

10 Firefighters

While operating at a general-alarm fire in a dry goods store, they were killed when the entire building collapsed.

1943 - JULY 9 - CHICAGO, IL

10 Firefighters

While battling a four-alarm fire in a four-story brick factory, which had been the scene of a three-alarm fire several hours earlier, they were killed when the roof collapsed, carrying each floor down into the basement.

1984 - JULY 23 - ROMEOVILLE, IL

10 Firefighters

While operating at a general-alarm fire in an oil refinery, they were killed when a massive explosion occurred - the result of a propane gas leak in a cracking tower. Nine others were also killed. The force of the blast propelled a 34-ton section of the tower more than half a mile.

1867 - JUNE 19 - PHILADELPHIA, PA

9 Firefighters

While operating at a major theater fire, they were killed when they were caught under the collapsing front wall.

1872 - NOVEMBER 9 - BOSTON, MA

9 Firefighters

Nine firefighters from six different departments were killed while operating at the Great Boston Fire, which destroyed nearly 1,000 buildings.

1894 - APRIL 9 - MILWAUKEE, WI

9 Firefighters

While operating at a general-alarm fire in a six-story hotel and theater, they were killed when the center of the building collapsed, carrying them to the first floor.

1913 - OCTOBER 26 - MILWAUKEE, WI

9 Firefighters

While operating at a three-alarm fire in a rubber plant, they were killed when explosions pushed the front and rear walls out onto them.

1939 - FEBRUARY 3 - SYRACUSE, NY

9 Firefighters

While operating at a general-alarm fire in a commercial building, they were killed when the rear of the building collapsed during overhaul operations.

1961 - JANUARY 28 - CHICAGO, IL

9 Firefighters

During a spectacular fire involving a six-story brick commercial building, they were killed when a major wall collapse occurred.

1972 - JUNE 17 - BOSTON, MA

9 Firefighters

While overhauling after bringing a four-alarm fire in a seven-story hotel under control, they were killed when the five upper floors collapsed, carrying them down to the street below.

1924 - APRIL 18 - CHICAGO, IL

8 Firefighters

While operating at a six-alarm fire in a four-story brick hall, they were killed when they were caught under a collapsing wall.

1932 - AUGUST 1 - MANHATTAN, NY

8 Firefighters

While making an interior attack on a small fire in a paint storeroom in the sub-basement of a 41-story hotel, they were killed when an explosion occurred, followed shortly thereafter by a second, more violent blast.

1975 - AUGUST 17 - PHILADELPHIA, PA

8 Firefighters

While operating at a spectacular explosion and ensuing 11-alarm fire at an oil refinery, they were killed when a massive flashover occurred involving the water and flammable products that had accumulated in the refinery streets.

1888 - SEPTEMBER 2 - BALTIMORE, MD

7 Firefighters

While operating at a general-alarm fire involving several warehouses, they were killed when a wall collapsed, carrying the building down with it.

1924 - JANUARY 21 - PITTSBURGH, PA

7 Firefighters

While operating at a major fire in a refining company storage yard, they all suffocated when an explosion blew them into a large vat of boiling paraffin.

1949 - MARCH 5 - CHARLESTON, WV

7 Firefighters

While operating at a six-alarm cellar fire in a department store, they were killed when the first floor collapsed down onto them shortly after they entered the basement.

1897 - AUGUST 5 - CHICAGO, IL

6 Firefighters

They were killed while operating at a spectacular five-alarm fire involving a six-story brick grain elevator, when a major explosion occurred, blowing the walls out on all four sides of the structure.

1898 - FEBRUARY 5 - BOSTON, MA

6 Firefighters

While operating at a three-alarm fire in a bedding factory, they were killed when the roof and upper floors collapsed during overhaul operations.

1909 - FEBRUARY 13 - MILWAUKEE, WI

6 Firefighters

While operating at a major fire in an asbestos plant, they were killed when the rear wall collapsed onto the adjacent roof where they were working.

1919 - JULY 12 - PHILADELPHIA, PA

6 Firefighters

While making an exterior attack on a four-alarm fire in a three-story brick, baled rag and burlap warehouse, they were killed when the front wall collapsed, followed by the floors of the building..

1920 - FEBRUARY 26 - BROOKLYN, NY

6 Firefighters

While operating at a three-alarm fire in a gas plant, which involved a tank containing drip oil, they became trapped in a pump house when the tank overflowed and exploded, engulfing them in a sea of fire as they tried to retreat.

1925 - MAY 6 - ATLANTA, GA

6 Firefighters

While overhauling up at a three-alarm factory fire, they were killed instantly when the floor above them, which was loaded with bales of cotton, collapsed on top of them.

1926 - APRIL 20 - MILWAUKEE, WI

6 Firefighters

While operating at a smoldering fire in tons of sawdust in a wood products plant, they were killed when a fiery explosion occurred, covering the men in flaming sawdust.

1942 - NOVEMBER 15 - BOSTON, MA

6 Firefighters

While operating at a five-alarm fire in a restaurant, they were killed when they were caught under a side wall that collapsed out into the street.

1955 - FEBRUARY 16 - BALTIMORE, MD

6 Firefighters

While operating at a six-alarm cellar fire in a clothing factory, they were killed when they entered the three-story building and it collapsed down onto them.

1956 - APRIL 4 - BRONX, NY

6 Firefighters

While operating at a four-alarm fire in a one-story brick store, the metal coping on the front of the wall collapsed, bringing the wall down on firefighters who were operating there

1958 - FEBRUARY 14 - MANHATTAN, NY

6 Firefighters

While operating at a five-alarm fire in a paper and twine loft factory, they were killed when the three upper floors of the buildings collapsed.

1962 - OCTOBER 26 - QUEENS, NY

6 Firefighters

While operating at a five-alarm fire in a two-story building, they were killed when the entire building collapsed.

1964 - OCTOBER - BOSTON, MA

6 Firefighters

While operating at a five-alarm fire in a toy factory, they were killed when a portion of a side wall collapsed on top of them.

1978 - AUGUST 2 - BROOKLYN, NY

6 Firefighters

During rooftop venting operations at a four-alarm supermarket fire, they were killed when the roof collapsed, pitching them into the inferno below.

1988 - NOVEMBER 29 - KANSAS CITY, MO

6 Firefighters

They were killed when a massive explosion occurred as they approached a construction trailer that was on fire.

1990 - JUNE 26 - TONTO NATIONAL FOREST, AZ

6 Firefighters

While cutting a firebreak at a lightning-sparked wildfire, they were killed when a dry lightning storm occurred and high winds suddenly pushed a wave of fire down onto them.

1999 - DECEMBER 3 - WORCESTER, MA

6 Firefighters

While searching a vacant cold storage warehouse for squatters during a fire, two firefighters became lost and called for help. During the subsequent rescue effort, four more firefighters became lost in the five-story, maze-like structure. All six perished when the building became fully involved and collapsed.