



Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire March 25, 1911 - March 25, 2011



One of the worst workplace disasters in New York City history occurred on March 25, 1911. In total, 146 Triangle Waist Company garment workers, mostly immigrant women, perished in a fire in the Asch Building (currently the NYU Brown Building of Science), located on the corner of Washington Place and Greene Street in Greenwich Village. The fire spread quickly through the 8th, 9th, and 10th floors. Blocked stairways and inadequate fire escapes made it difficult to escape the flames. Many jumped to their deaths or died on the factory floors.

The fire shocked America, leading to a long lasting social movement for change. The disaster was a catalyst for workplace safety, immigrant rights, labor union organizing, and investigative journalism.

A century after the fire, America continues to remember, embracing those who lost their lives and the reforms they never had a chance to see. To learn about centennial commemoration events, visit the [Remember the Triangle Fire Coalition](#).

For additional resources on the Triangle fire, check out the NYC Citizen Corps Council's [Resource Sheet](#).

Fire Preparedness FDNY's Top Seven Fire Safety Rules

Volunteer Development Program

Trained volunteers who understand how to work together increase our community resiliency.

The best time to build this resiliency is now! Sponsored by the NYC Citizen Corps Council, the **Volunteer Development Program**, wants all NYC disaster volunteers represented at these training.

Below is a list of upcoming training opportunities.

April 5 - Insurance and the Three R's: Impact of Insurance on Disaster Readiness, Response, and Recovery

Property insurance covers more than 80% of funds for rebuilding following a disaster. Sponsored by the NYC Citizen Corps Council, the *Insurance and the Three R's: Impact of Insurance on Disaster Readiness, Response, and Recovery* workshop, will cover insurance basics, including key coverages and common shortfalls, followed by an in depth look at insurance's impact on disaster readiness, response, and recovery. Insurance expert Elizabeth Malone will conduct the workshop, which will include examples from past disasters.

The workshop will be held on Tuesday, April 5 from 6 - 8 PM at the NYC Office of Emergency Management (165 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn).

April 26 - NYC Office of Emergency Management: Behind the Scenes

Conducted by the NYC Office of Emergency Management, this workshop is designed to provide NYC volunteers a better understanding of the NYC Office of Emergency Management, its different functions,

As we commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire, take a moment to ensure that you, your family, friends, and fellow New Yorkers are following the **FDNY's Top Seven Fire Safety Rules**:

1. **Never use an extension cord with large current appliances such as a space heater, air conditioner or refrigerator.** Extension cords can cause home fires by overheating due to overloading the outlet.
2. **Never smoke while lying down, especially if drowsy, medicated or have been drinking. Completely douse cigarette butts with water before discarding.** Smokers are seven times more likely than nonsmokers to have a fire in their home.
3. **Stay in the kitchen while cooking and wear short or tight fitting sleeves.** Unattended cooking accounts for thirty-three percent of home fires.
4. **Installing and maintaining a smoke alarm will reduce your chances of dying in a fire in half. Install alarms on every floor and in bedrooms for extra protection.** Seventy percent of fire deaths occur in homes with an inoperable smoke alarm or no smoke alarm present. The majority of the deaths are children and older adults.
5. **Plan and practice a fire escape plan. Do not attempt to fight the fire yourself. Get out and CLOSE THE DOOR. Call 911 from a safe location.** Smoke and fire kills! You may have less than three minutes to get to safety.
6. **Store matches and lighters out of reach and sight of children. Provide close continuous supervision of children.** Toddler fire deaths are most often due to children playing with matches or utility lighters.
7. **Never leave burning candles unattended.** Half of the people killed by candle fires in the home were younger than 20 years of age.

Source: [FDNY](#)

and its role within NYC and the region. For more information about the NYC Office of Emergency Management, visit www.NYC.gov/oem.

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Registration is required. To register, email Justin Land at citizencorps@oem.nyc.gov your name, email and mailing address, phone number, volunteer organization affiliation, and the title and date of the training you are interested in registering for. Space is limited.

Reminder: Daylight Savings Time

On Sunday, March 13, Daylight Saving Time (DST) begins. As New Yorkers change their clocks to prepare for spring, New Yorkers are reminded to prepare for emergencies as well. Use DST to check the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Take a minute twice a year to prevent emergencies.

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Save The Date

Fifth Annual Disaster Volunteer Conference

SAVE THE DATE
Tuesday, May 24, 2011
6 PM - 8 PM
Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture
Harlem, New York



www.NYC.gov/citizencorps

Lessons Learned: Emergency Preparedness Strategies for People with Disabilities



Following up on the *Emergency Preparedness Strategies for People with Special Needs Symposium* held in September 2010, the NYC Citizen Corps Council and the Home Based Care Task Force recently released [Lessons Learned](#), presenting several concepts, challenges and recommendations from participants, panelists, and speakers.

The Symposium brought together more than 130 consumers, caregivers, and home care providers to address planning needs for people requiring a higher level of support during an emergency event.

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