

9/11:Anniversary

Ten Years of Healing, Learning, and Living



Remember...

The World Trade Centre Towers were struck on September 11, 2001 at 8:46 a.m. and 9:02 a.m. The burning towers stood for 56 minutes and 102 minutes. Each tower took 12 seconds to fall from initial structural failure to complete collapse.

Total number killed in attacks: **2,823**

Number of firefighters and paramedics killed: **343**

Number of Police Officers killed: **60**

Number of employees who died in Tower One: **1,402**

Number of employees who died in Tower Two: **614**

Number of nations whose citizens were killed: **115**

Number of people killed in the Pentagon: **125**

Number of survivors rescued from Ground Zero: **0**

Number of people who lost a spouse: **1,609**

Estimated number of children who lost a parent: **3,051**

Number of orphans created by the 9/11 attacks: **1,300**

Number of babies born to women whose husbands were lost on 11 September: **17**

Ratio of men to women who died: **3:1**

Age demographic of the greatest number who died:
between 35 and 39

Number of families who received no remains: **1,717**

Percentage of Americans who knew someone hurt or killed in the attacks: **20**

Number of funerals attended by Rudy Giuliani: **200**

Days fires continued to burn after the attack: **99**

Total number of hate crimes reported to the Council on American-Islamic Relations nationwide following 9/11: **1,714**

Estimated amount donated to 9/11 charities: **\$1.4 billion**

"Rick" Rescorla

He's been called a "prophet" for being so ready for the attacks, "the Man Who Predicted 9/11" in a History Channel special, and a true American hero by countless others.

As tragic as the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, was, the sky-blue day still held unexpected miracles, and Richard "Rick" Rescorla was at the center of one of the greatest -- the evacuation of financial-services behemoth Morgan Stanley.

Rick Rescorla, a 62-year-old retired and decorated U.S. Army colonel, had focused on security at the World Trade Center for years.

After a company merger in 1997, Rescorla became director of security at Morgan Stanley, where he maintained vigilant attention to the firm's -- and the building's -- safety. Despite disruption at the busy brokerage firm, he insisted on holding twice-yearly evacuation drills by the stairwell for the firm's 22 floors in the south tower.

The result: On Sept. 11, 2001, his team was ready.

Despite having received official instructions to stay put after the 8:46 a.m. crash next door, Rescorla told Morgan Stanley staffers to follow his evacuation plan, and he sent them two by two, as they had practiced, down the many flights of stairs. His decision and his preparation made all the difference.

Although 13 employees -- including Rescorla -- perished, more than 2,500 employees left the tower alive. That's where the word "miracle" comes in. It's also where the word "hero" comes in.

According to "The New Yorker," Rescorla used his cell phone to call Hill to get updates on news footage as he directed employees by bullhorn. He was "calm and collected, never raising his voice." Then Hill heard him break into song," the article notes. He also called his wife, Susan. "If something should happen to me, I want you to know I've never been happier," he said.

A fuzzy photo of Rescorla speaking into the bullhorn exists online. He was last seen on the 10th floor -- heading upstairs.

His two children now in their 30's were not surprised that he died in the line of duty. Trevor says, "I knew he would be the last person out, because it was his command. As long as there were people in there, he would try to get them out."

"It was part of who my father was. He stayed to help evacuate the building in 1993 and would not have done anything different that day," Kim says.