

Firefighter Testimony of Secondary Explosions.

In the documentary video *9/11 Loose Change* by Dylan Avery,⁶⁹ many news reports and credible eyewitness testimony indicated several follow-up rounds of explosions that occurred within the towers after the impacts and just prior to the building collapses. These statements provide excellent first hand agreement to the physics of the collapses as being consistent with controlled demolition. Additional statements from firefighters on 9/11 were taken and printed in the New York Times after being suppressed by the city of New York. These statements are peppered with comments regarding witnessing and experiencing the sounds of secondary explosions, low-level flashes, blasts, and repetitive sounds like gunshots, which is typical for the column cutting shaped charges to sound like when fired. These statements can be found in the addendum at the end of this paper.

Many New York firefighters also gave testimony in video and in radio broadcasts that they also felt secondary explosions occurring while they were conducting rescue operations.⁷⁰ In recently released and heavily redacted transcripts of radio communications, New York Firefighter Kirk Long, of Engine 1 reported in that he heard the North Tower shake and “thought a bomb had gone off in the lower basement.” MSNBC originally had that statement posted on its website, but later quietly removed the bombing reference.⁷¹ F.D.N.Y. Deputy-Chief, Division 1 responded to the North Tower lobby and discovered:

When we entered the lobby, there was a lot of damage in the lobby, broken glass, tiles dislodged and laying on the floor, you know, the decorative panels all around the walls. But it was rather calm in the lobby. Chief Pfeifer was in control. We responded in. We tried to gain control of the building systems, meaning the communications systems, the elevators. None of the building systems were working. The elevators were all out of service. The communication lines were not working.⁷²

Many responding F.D.N.Y. firefighters also reported hearing and feeling explosives detonating in the lower levels of the WTC. Fireman Richard Banaciski gave testimony in recently released reports about the explosions. He said:

We were there, I don't know, maybe 10, 15 minutes and then *I just remember there was just an explosion. It seemed like on television when they blow up these buildings. It seemed like it was going all the way around like a belt, all these explosions.* Everybody just said run and we all turned around and we ran into the parking garage because that's basically where we were. Running forward would be running towards it. Not thinking that this building is coming down. We just thought there was going to be a big explosion; stuff was going to come down.⁷³

If there are so many witnesses who have spoken out about the secondary explosions and detonations, why haven't more come out. New York auxiliary lieutenant firefighter Paul Isaac, Jr. says that many of his brethren and New York Police know the truth, but they have been intimidated and threatened. He says: “I know 9-11 was an inside job. The police know it's an inside job; and the firemen know it too...We all have to be very careful about how we handle it...It's amazing how many people are afraid to talk for fear of retaliation or losing their jobs.” Or worse.

Addendum 1: F.D.N.Y Firefighter and Officer Statements:

Discussions of Explosives in WTC 1, 2, and 7

I remember asking Ray Downey was it the jet fuel that blew up. He said at that point he thought there were bombs up there because it was too even. As we've since learned, it was the jet fuel that was dropping down that caused all this. But he said it was too even.

Q. Symmetrical?

A. So his original thought was that he thought it was a bomb up there as well... We didn't know the building came down. We just knew the top of the building exploded and didn't know what happened to the rest of the building. You just couldn't see anything.

Father John Delendick, Firefighter, F.D.N.Y.

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After that, I still thought it was an explosion. I thought it was some kind of thermal explosion where I'm either going to get burnt -- and I had kind of ideas that it was going to be something like Hiroshima where all this heat was coming at me and we were going to get burnt or if the heat didn't burn me, I thought that all the parts coming out of this building, the windows, metal, all the things like that, that I might be severed in half. It turned completely black.

F.D.N.Y. Firefighter George DeSimone

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After that it was kind of pandemonium. The U.S. marshals were saying a third plane was coming in. They said there were bombs in all the buildings around there.

http://www.nytimes.com/packages/html/nyregion/20050812_WTC_GRAPHIC/Hoppey_Timothy.rtf Timothy Hoppey, Firefighter, Engine 91 F.D.N.Y

Tower one now comes down. Same thing but this time some of us take off straight down West Street, because we realized later on, subconsciously we wanted to be near buildings. We all thought it was secondary explosives or more planes or whatever.

Chief Art Lakiotes of the Safety Command

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I made it down Vesey Street to just in front of the overpass of 7 World Trade. People were saying don't stand under there, it's going to come down. And then by the time I made it back around, I went to the front on Church Street and came back around. The area we took that civilian out of had all collapsed. That wasn't there anymore.

So at that point we were a little leery about how the bridge was tied in, so no one was really going onto it, and then they were also saying 7 was going to come down. They chased everyone off the block.

Q. You said before, Chief, that you heard bullets going off. Approximately how many did you hear?

A. Oh, it was like it was just constant. Constant. Whatever, I guess there were packages or something, and as they heated up, they were just pop, pop, pop, pop, pop, pop, pop. They were going off like at a steady rate.

Thomas McCarthy, Chief, FNDY

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At that point I don't know exactly when the Commissioner and Mayor had left. It was pretty soon after they had left that Richie Zarillo, who works with EMS -- I believe he's an OEM liaison -- came running up to me. I was not on the ramp at this time. I was like almost at the sidewalk location. He said Steve, where's the Chief? I have to tell him, you know I said tell him what, Richie? These

buildings are in imminent danger of collapse. I said how do you know that, you know? So he ran with me. I ran over and grabbed Chief Ganci and said Chief, these buildings are in imminent danger of collapse. He looked up at me.

Q. Had the second plane hit at this point?

A. Yes, yes, the second plane hit. We saw the second plane hit -- if you want me to go back to when the second plane hit. I was told by Chief Ingram, who was a terrorist and hazmat-type guy, that we have got to be careful of secondary explosions or secondary devices. Who knew that the secondary device would be another plane.

People actually saw the plane. You heard it, the closer it got. It just got louder and louder. I say that he throttled up as fast as he could. That's what it sounded like, but I think he became more in earshot of us. And he just came in and put the plane into the building.

As I'm looking up at this stuff that is going on up there now, I just like I'm saying to myself I've seen this in a movie. My whole recollection is going back to a movie or something I saw. I just saw this before. It's like before my eyes. I don't know if I ever did or didn't, you know, in a dream.

Then at that point within a few minutes, Richie Zarillo came up to me. I go back to that. He said that these buildings are in imminent danger of collapse~ I went right up to the Chief because I was a few steps away. I said Chief; these buildings are in imminent danger of collapse. And he said to me who would tell you something like that?

And he looked at me and he had that determined --have to say probably scared look on his face, who would tell you something like that. I said Richie, come over here and tell the Chief what you just told me. He got the words out of his mouth. I think it was maybe 25, 30 seconds later, maybe, the building came down.

Q. Did Zarillo ever say what he based that opinion on?

A. Get that from? He said from OEM. We were trying to determine exactly how he got it. In retrospect, how did he get it? He was walking towards us. Was he coming towards us anyway and he got it over his radio? I think he told me he got it from Perugia. There was like a relay type of thing, which maybe we should have and didn't have our OEM radios on at the location. There was a lot of havoc going on.

Steven Mosiello F.D.N.Y.

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I had heard right before the lights went out, I had heard a distant boom, boom, boom, sounded like three explosions. I don't know what it was. At the time, I would have said they sounded like bombs, but it was boom, boom, boom, and then the lights all go out. I hear someone say oh, shit, that was just for the lights out. I would say about 3, 4 seconds, all of a sudden this tremendous roar. It sounded like being in a tunnel with the train coming at you.

Keith Murphy, Engine 47 F.D.N.Y.

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I pulled in front of the building. I looked up and I saw no fire coming out, no smoke coming out, which would have been the west side of the building.

If I can back up, as we went down the street after the initial explosion of the plane hitting, we saw "The Big Lie" 9/11 and the Government's

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[that] there was somewhat of a hole, from our position, certainly, maybe three or four of the stories, three stories I think I said. Again, there was no fire coming out. So, when we got there, there was no fire and on the west side there was no smoke. But there was an obvious hole in the building.

Actually, I was laying over him because he had no helmet or anything. Then we got up and we couldn't see, but it started to clear to like a brown, cloudy smoke, and I hear pop, pop, pop, which sounded like gunfire to me. Then right after that I hear people screaming get down, get down. It's not normal. I worked in the ghetto long enough that you get down.

Q. Of course.

A. Because it sounded like gunfire and I've heard gunfire before. It could have been

something totally different. I have no idea. I grabbed the guy I was with and told him, hey, we have to get down; we have to get some cover.

Joseph Pfeiffer, Battalion Chief, first highest ranking office on scene of attack on WTC-1

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So we were there a few minutes, and we started to walk, make our way through the lobby to the other side. I'd say we got maybe ten steps. We didn't go very far. I heard sort of like a rumbling sound. We stopped, looked at each other, and took off. We just took off away from the doors. Instead of running out, we ran to our right, which would be toward the walls. It just happened really quick. I just remember running. Stack was in front of me. Henry went to my left with the other guys. In about a second or two, you just heard like a ba-ba-ba-boom, and everything just came down and everything was pitch-black.

John Picarello, F.D.N.Y. Firefighter, 40 Battalion.

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The ground was shaking. I fell to the floor. My camera bag opened up. The cameras went skidding across the floor. The windows started exploding in. I just rolled into the corner to protect myself from the glass.

The next thing I knew, it was pitch-black. You couldn't see in front of you. You couldn't breathe. Every time you took a breath, you were just swallowing, you were gasping. I took my shirt off and wrapped it around my head so I could breathe.

It felt like an eternity getting out of that building. I was disoriented. I knew the general idea of where I was. I was actually thinking about going out the windows where the glass was broke, but I figured people were still jumping and I didn't know exactly what was going on outside. I'm thinking maybe the building snapped in half. I'm thinking maybe a bomb blew up. I'm thinking it could have been a nuclear.

Richard Smiouskas, Lieutenant, F.D.N.Y.

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At that point I looked back and most of the people who were triaged in that area with the triage tags on them got up and ran. I took a quick glance at the building and while I didn't see it falling, I saw a large section of it blasting out, which led me to believe it was just an explosion. I thought it was a secondary device, but I knew that we had to go.

Captain Jay Swithers, Bureau of Health Services of the Fire Department F.D.N.Y.

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"The next thing I heard was Pete say what the fuck is this? And as my eyes traveled up the building, and I was looking at the south tower, somewhere about halfway up, my initial reaction was there was a secondary explosion, and the entire floor area, a ring right around the building blew out. I later realized that the building had started to collapse already and this was the air being compressed and that is the floor that let go. And as my eyes traveled further up the building, I realized that this building was collapsing and I turned around and most everybody was ahead of me running for the garage..."

Albert Turi, Deputy Assistant Chief of Safety, F.D.N.Y.

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I was watching the fire, watching the people jump and hearing a noise and looking up and seeing - it actually looked -- the lowest floor of fire in the south tower actually looked like someone had planted explosives around it because the whole bottom I could see (redacted portion) I could see two sides of it and the other side, it just looked like that floor blew out.

I looked up and you could actually see everything blew out on the one floor. I thought, geez, this looks like an explosion up there, it blew out. Then I guess in some sense of time we looked at it and realized, no, actually it just collapsed. That's what blew out the windows, not that there was an explosion there but that windows blew out. The realization hit that it's going to fall down, the

top's coming off. I was still thinking -- there was never a thought that this whole thing is coming down. I thought that that blew out and stuff is starting to fly down. The top is going to topple off there.

F.D.N.Y. Battalion Chief Brian Dixon

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We looked up at the building straight up, we were that close. All we saw was a puff of smoke coming from about 2 thirds of the way up. Some people thought it was an explosion. I don't think I remember that. I remember seeing; it looked like sparkling around one specific layer of the building. I assume now that that was either windows starting to collapse like tinsel or something. Then the building started to come down. My initial reaction was that this was exactly the way it looks when they show you those implosions on TV.

Tom Fitzpatrick, Deputy Commissioner for Administration, F.D.N.Y.,

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Just as I go out of the building, one of my guys says hey Captain, the building is coming down. I looked over my shoulder and you could see the whole top of the south tower leaning towards us. It looked like it was coming over. You could see the windows pop out just like in the picture, looked like a movie. I saw one floor of windows pop out, like poof, poof. I saw one and a half floors pop out. It looked almost like an explosion. The whole top was teetering, and I really thought just the top of the building was falling off. I didn't think there was any way we were going to make it out because just being this close; it looked like it's leaning right on top of us.

Steve Grabher, Battalion Chief, F.D.N.Y.,

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We both for whatever reason -- again, I don't know how valid this is with everything that was going on at that particular point in time, but for some reason I thought that when I looked in the direction of the Trade Center before it came down, before No. 2 came down, that I saw low-level flashes. In my conversation with Lieutenant Evangelista, never mentioning this to him, he questioned me and asked me if I saw low-level flashes in front of the building, and I agreed with him because I thought -- at that time I didn't know what it was.

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I mean, it could have been as a result of the building collapsing, things exploding, but I saw a flash, flash, flash, and then it looked like the building came down. You know like when they demolish a building, how when they blow up a building, when it falls down? That's what I thought I saw. And I didn't broach the topic to him, but he asked me. He said I don't know if I'm crazy, but I just wanted to ask you because you were standing right next to me. He said did you see anything by the building? And I said what do you mean by see anything? He said did you see any flashes? I said, yes, well, I thought it was just me. He said no, I saw them, too.

Stephen Gregory, F.D.N.Y. Commissioner, Bureau of Communications.

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