

Criminalistics Section - 2004

B79 Field Assessment of the World Trade Center Collapse

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The attendee will better understand the engineering aspects of the events that took place at the World Trade Center in New York City on September 11, 2001.

This program will outline the incident(s) and the findings of the FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Association) BPAT (Sponsored Building Performance Assessment Team). The presenter was a member of the BPAT team that analyzed the collapse of the World Trade Center Towers and the subsequent damage to several surrounding buildings. The program will review the engineering aspects of the construction of the involved buildings, the damage that occurred as a result of the attacks as well as the resulting observations and recommendations made in the FEMA BPAT report.

The FEMA BPAT report serves as the preliminary observation into the World Trade Center disaster and as the foundation for the NIST (National Institute of Standards Technology) comprehensive study of the incident.

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