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Even heroes get hungry. Volunteers kept the heroes of 9/11 fed both day and night. Movie stars Susan Sarandon and Tim Robbins (left and center) volunteered, along with many other people.

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Smoke floats across the East River after the Twin Towers in New York City catch fire.

## **Emergency**

New York City faced an **emergency** on September 11, 2001. Planes hit two huge buildings. The buildings caught fire. People inside needed to get out. Hurt people needed to find doctors. The fire left a mess that was not safe. Many brave **heroes** stepped in to help.





People walk out of one of the burning towers.

## Office Workers

The burning buildings filled with smoke.  
It wasn't safe to use the **elevators**.  
People rushed down the stairs.



A man carries a woman injured in the Twin Towers.

Two men saw a woman in a **wheelchair** on floor 68. They saw she needed help, so the men carried her to safety. Many office workers stopped to help others that day.



A rescue dog is moved out of the ruins.

## Dogs

Not all the heroes were people. Some were dogs. About 400 dogs helped that day. Some dogs looked for hurt and lost people to **rescue**. Some dogs just helped people feel better.



Michael Hingson hugs his dog, Roselle. She led him to safety from floor 78.

Three dogs receive medals for facing danger on September 11. Roselle and Michael Hingson are at far left.



One dog was inside when the fire started. She helped her owner, a blind office worker. The dog led her owner down to safety from floor 78!

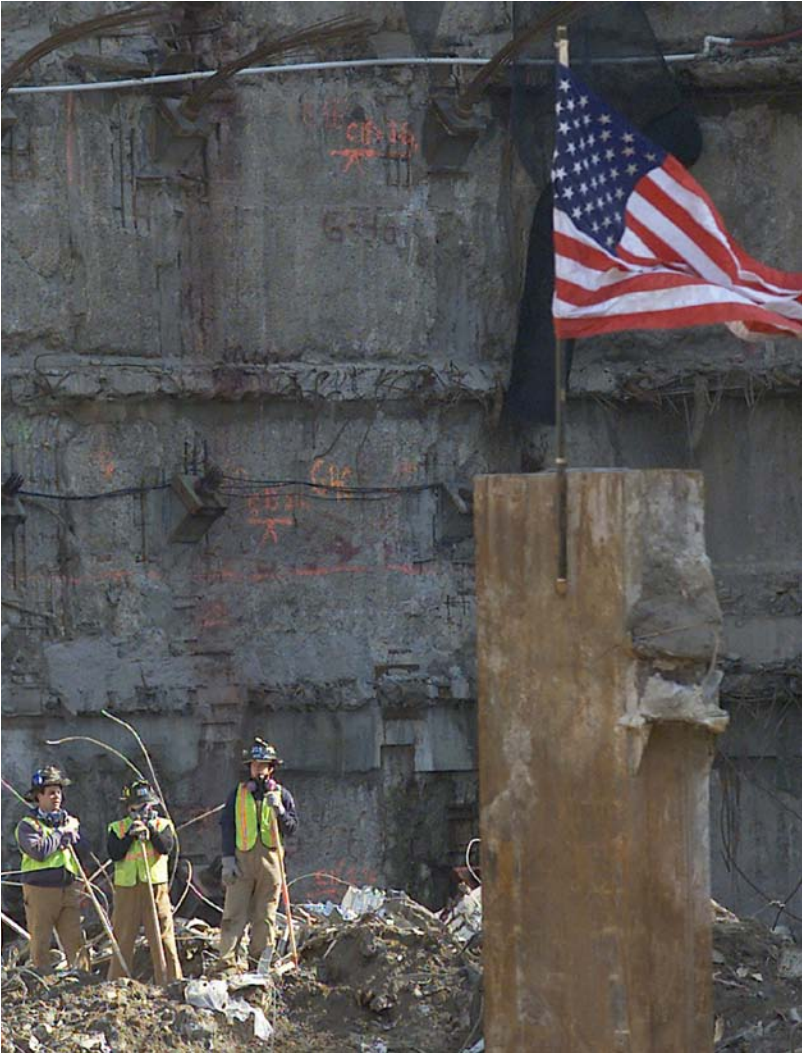




People are helped away from one of the Twin Towers.

## **Firefighters**

Firefighters raced to the burning buildings and ran inside. They put themselves in danger to save others.



Firefighters stand in the ruins where the Twin Towers once stood.

Other firefighters cleared the area around the burning buildings. They moved everyone away from danger.



An injured man gets help from paramedics and firefighters.

Firefighters looked for people to rescue. They found lost people and took hurt ones to doctors.





A worker walks past the ruins of the Twin Towers.

## **Iron Workers**

The burned buildings fell down.  
Piles of broken walls and floors lay  
everywhere. These **ruins** were  
not safe.





Iron workers on the job

Iron workers came from all over to help. Iron workers are builders. Some of them had built the buildings that burned.



Iron workers cut beams from the ruins of the burned towers.

The iron workers had to work with care to clean up the ruins. They put themselves in danger every day until the mess was safe.



People offer thanks to the heroes of September 11.

## Help in Hard Times

This emergency showed how brave people and dogs can be. They faced danger to keep others safe. Sometimes they felt afraid, but fear didn't stop these heroes from helping others.

## Glossary

- elevators** (*n.*) platforms or compartments that carry people and things to different floors in a building (p. 5)
- emergency** (*n.*) a sudden and very serious situation that requires immediate action (p. 4)
- heroes** (*n.*) people known for brave acts that help others (p. 4)
- rescue** (*v.*) to save from danger (p. 7)
- ruins** (*n.*) the remains of an old or destroyed building or other structure (p. 12)
- wheelchair** (*n.*) a chair with large wheels attached that is used by a person who is disabled or very weak (p. 6)



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Front cover: Weary firefighters walk away from the ruins of the Twin Towers the morning after the fires.

Title page: A team of paramedics in New York City

Back cover: One of many dogs who searched for people in the ruins of the Twin Towers

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