

# ICYMI: U.S. Fire Administrator Honors Those Lost in Tragic Fires In Past Year, Announces National Fire Strategy

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WASHINGTON -- This week, the head of the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), a component of FEMA, and principals of America's national fire service organizations travelled to New York City and Philadelphia to honor those lost to fires in the past year, including the 29 victims of the tragic fires in the Bronx and Philadelphia. During her visits, Dr. Lori Moore-Merrell shared steps to reduce the risk of fire in local communities and launch the [USFA National Fire Strategy](#).

The three-day fire prevention tour [culminated in Washington, D.C. \(video courtesy of C-SPAN\)](#), where the Fire Administrator joined national and local leaders to celebrate the recent passage of the Federally Assisted Housing Fire Safety Act, which requires the installation of smoke alarms in federally funded public housing not already equipped with hardwired smoke alarms, as well as the Empowering the U.S. Fire Administration Act, which authorizes USFA to conduct on-site fire safety investigations of major fires. Following the event, the National Fire Sprinkler Association provided a live burn demo to show the critical need for home fire sprinklers.

More information on the events can be found [here](#), and the National Fire Strategy can be found [here](#).



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**C-SPAN: U.S. Fire Administrator Lori Moore-Merrell Announces Launch of National Fire Strategy (FEMA Photo)**



***NEW YORK -- U.S. Fire Administrator Dr. Lori Moore-Merrell (center left) stands with members of the New York City Fire Department. (FEMA Photo)***



***NEW YORK -- U.S. Fire Administrator Dr. Lori Moore-Merrell (center left) stands alongside NYC Fire Commissioner Laura Kavanaugh (center) and other national and local leaders to honor those lost in the Twin Parks Fire. (FEMA Photo)***



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***PHILADELPHIA -- U.S. Fire Administrator Dr. Lori Moore-Merrell speaks outside of a Philadelphia Fire Department, honoring those lost to the Fairmount Fire last year. (FEMA Photo)***



***WASHINGTON -- U.S. Fire Administrator Dr. Lori Moore-Merrell (center right) and International Association of Fire Chiefs President Chief Donna Black (center left) stand with members of the Washington, D.C., Fire Department. (FEMA Photo)***



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