

Below is a statement attributable to me, Dara McQuillan, a spokesman for Silverstein Properties, dated September 9, 2005:

Seven World Trade Center collapsed at 5:20 p.m. on September 11, 2001, after burning for seven hours. There were no casualties, thanks to the heroism of the Fire Dept. and the work of Silverstein Properties employees who evacuated tenants from the building.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency conducted a thorough investigation of the collapse of all the World Trade Center buildings. The FEMA report concluded that the collapse of Seven World Trade Center was a direct result of fires triggered by debris from the collapse of WTC Tower 1.

In the afternoon of September 11, Mr. Silverstein spoke to the Fire Department. Commander on site at Seven World Trade Center . The Commander told Mr. Silverstein that there were several firefighters in the building working to contain the fires. Mr. Silverstein expressed his view that the most important thing was to protect the safety of those firefighters, including, if necessary, to have them withdraw from the building.

Later in the day, the Fire Commander ordered his firefighters out of the building and at 5:20 p.m the building collapsed. No lives were lost at Seven World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.