

**Lessons Learned from  
9/11 Panel  
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**Moderator**

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# Welcome to the Big Apple!

## In case you can't find anything to do, remember New Jersey



Lou Costello's  
statue, Patterson,  
NJ



Martian Landing Site,  
Grover's Mill, NJ  
October 30, 1938

# Panel Members

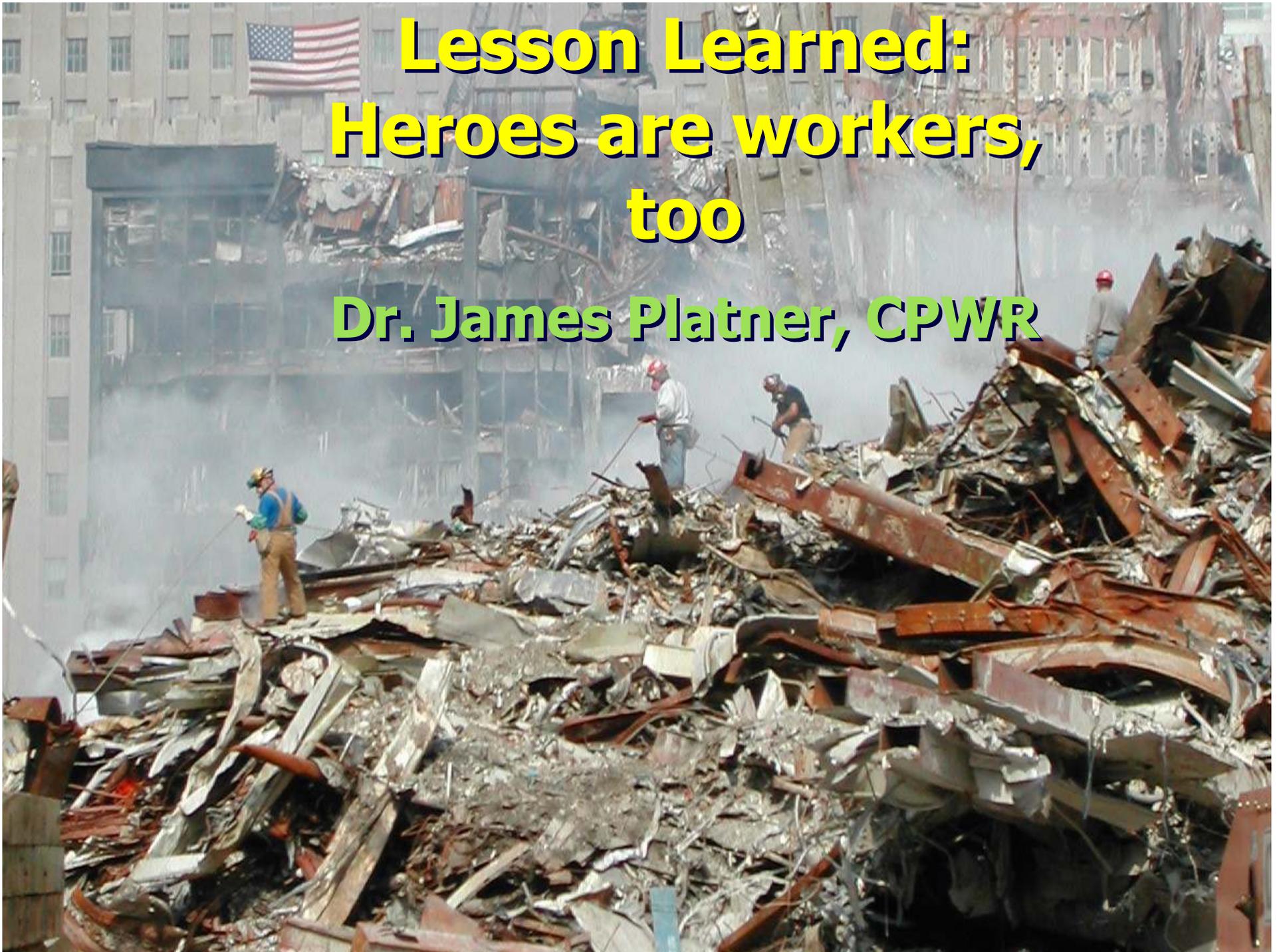
- **Dave Newman, NYCOSH**
- **Pete Gorman, President, Uniformed Fire Officers Association**
- **Don Ellenberger, CPWR**
- **Mike Cackowski, Laborers Local 472**
- **Bruce Murphy, IUOE, Local 15**



**My experience at WTC**

**Lesson Learned:  
Heroes are workers,  
too**

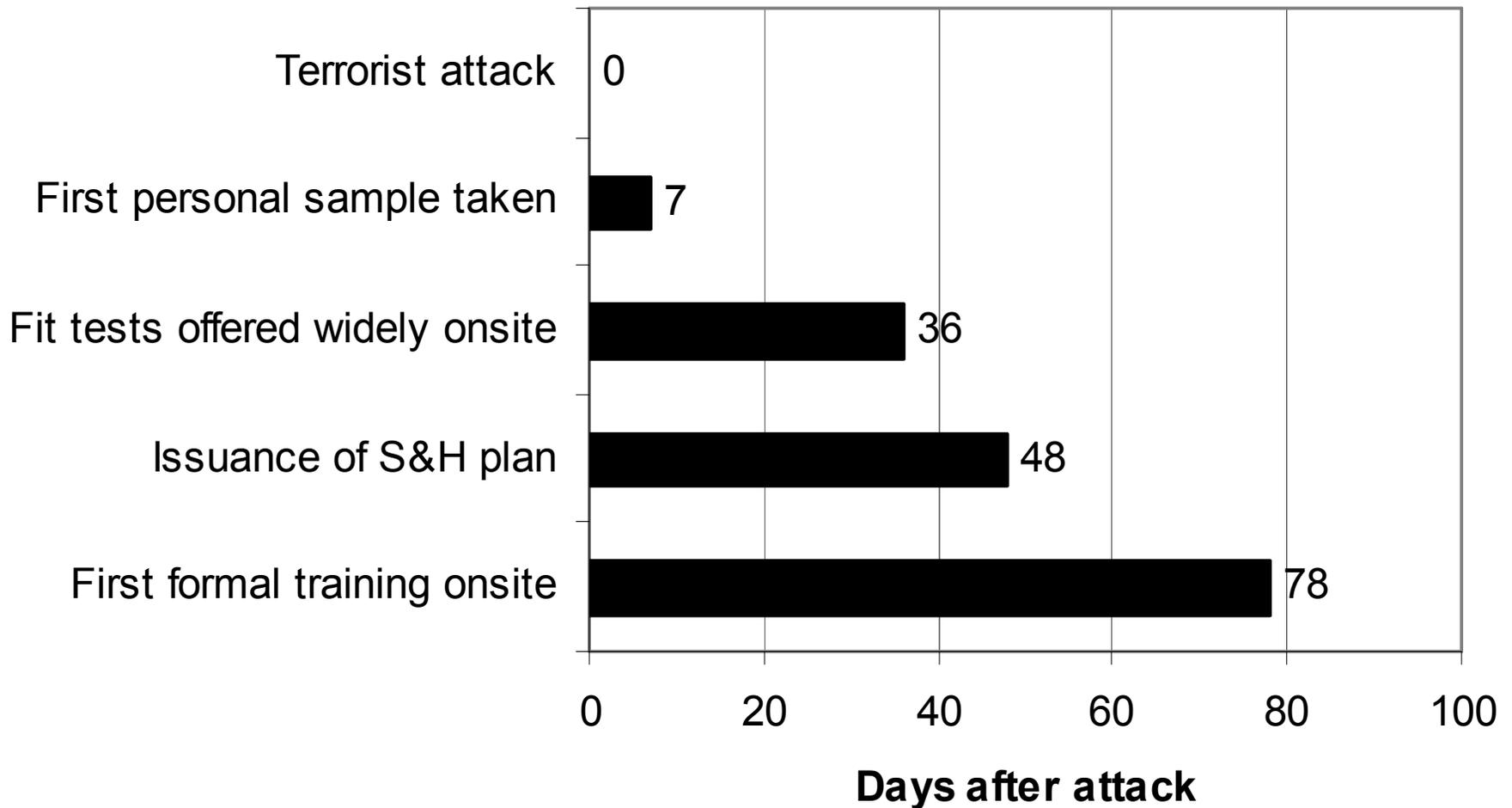
**Dr. James Platner, CPWR**



**Lesson learned:  
H&S efforts  
must be  
focused on  
hazards, not  
jurisdictions**



# Lesson Learned: S&H must be an integral, immediate part of the response



**Lesson learned:  
Respiratory protection must be  
considered before the event**

**Ironworker  
with paper  
mask,**

**9-22-02**

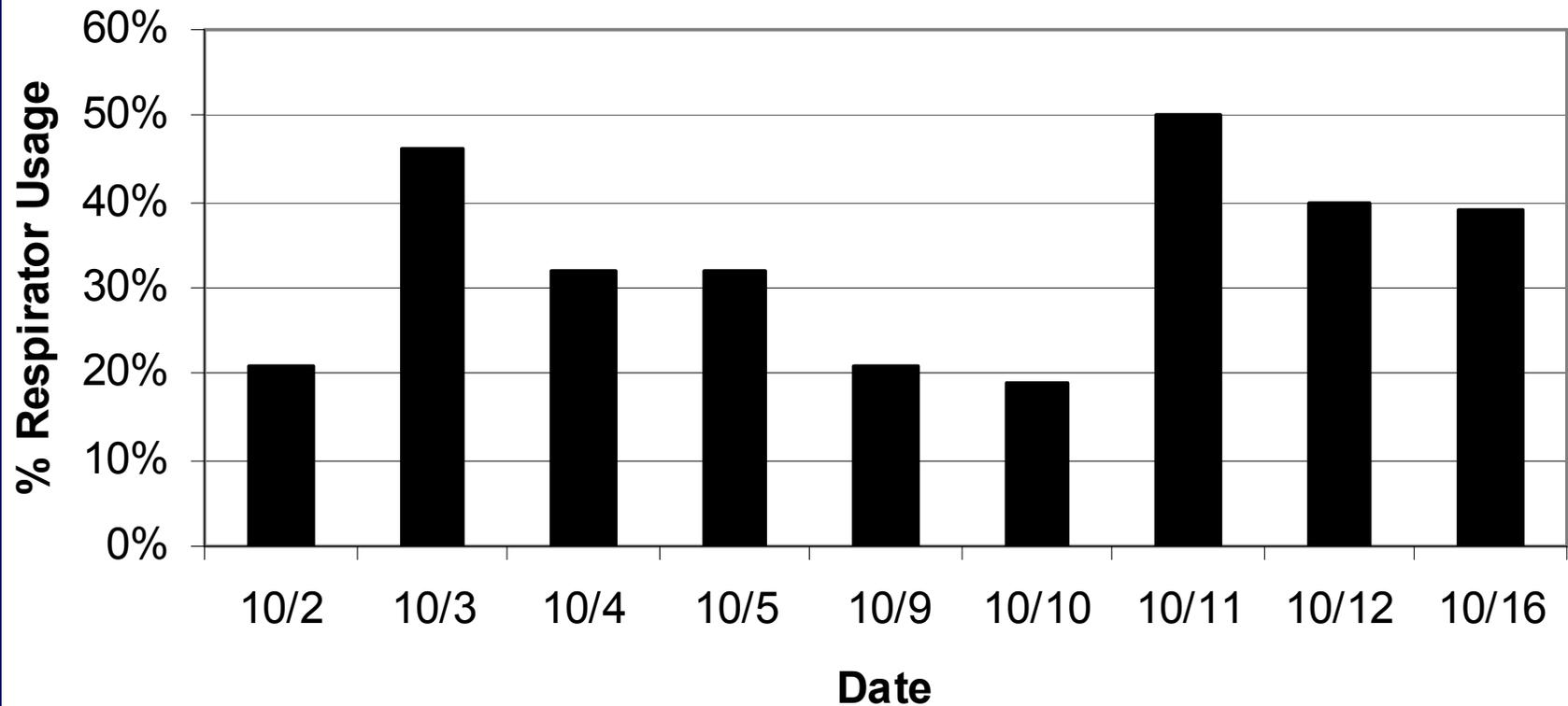


**At WTC we  
chose the  
right  
respirator: a  
half-face  
with P-100,  
OV/AG  
cartridges**



# But they weren't worn conscientiously!

**Respirator Usage by Heavy Equipment Operators  
at Ground Zero, October 2-16, 2001**



**Much better (80%) at Fresh Kills!**

**Lesson Learned:**  
**Philosophies of governance  
affect emergency response**

**Government is a tool. Molly Ivins**

**versus**

**Government is not a solution  
to our problem, government  
is the problem. Ronald Reagan**

# Assuming government is the problem is a self-fulfilling prophecy

It allows you to randomly choose among the following to head government emergency functions:

- Fishmongers
- Ballroom dance instructors
- Arabian horse association administrators



***All Will Fail***



**Thanks.  
Now our  
first  
panelist.**

