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KING'S CROSS FIRE

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Title : **Big boys don't cry : problems of psychological preparation for and intervention after disasters within emergency service organisations**

Publication : [United Kingdom] : The College, [1994?]

Physical Description: 17 p.

Note : Bibliography: p. 16-17

Summary: Disasters such as King's Cross, Hillsborough, and Bradford, have served to highlight the fact that emergency service personnel may be prone to the experience of psychological disturbance in the aftermath. In response to this, many emergency service organisations have introduced counselling services for employees suffering from the effects of trauma or psychological distress. Despite this, stress and trauma continue to be something of an anathema to emergency service personnel, rendering the implementation of appropriate interventions problematic. The purpose of this paper is therefore to explore the nature of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and methods for its prevention and treatment, within the context of emergency service organisations. It will be argued that currently popular interventions such as counselling perpetuate and reinforce cultural assumptions within emergency service organisations concerning the nature of stress and the people who suffer from it. Organisational level variables which compound and militate against adequate stress interventions will be discussed and possible measures for overcoming such problems will be reviewed

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Corporate Author: The Emergency Planning College.

Title : **Disaster management: - is there a need? [videorecording]**

Summary: Produced by the The UK Emergency Planning College. Easingwold, York, the video is a compilation of news items about each of the following UK disasters: Bradford, Piper Alpha, Poole, Hillsborough, Kings Cross, Kegworth, Clapham, Peterborough, Brighton Bombing, 1992 Storms, Lockerbie, Towyn flood, Zeebrugge, Allied Colloid and St Mary Axe bombing. 10 Mins

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Author : Smolowe, Jill

Title : **Escalator to an inferno**

Summary: Describes the fire which engulfed King's Cross station on the London Underground at 7.28pm and engulfed homeward-bound commuters in flames. Thirty people perished in the blaze and eighty more were injured by the intense heat and smoke.

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Author : Best, Richard L.

Title : **Fact sheet: King's Cross Station Fire [Article]**

Citation: Fire Command January 1988 p.46

Summary: A subway fire in London's Underground claims 31 lives including that of a fire brigade officer

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Title : **Hear these voices [Article]**

Publication : 1999

Citation: Civil Protection, Issue no.47, May 1999, pp.8-9

Summary: Dealing with disaster victims is more than counselling and aftercare. Forethought and coordination can avoid compounding the immense misery of those involved. This article contains stories of the tragedies of Dunblane, Lockerbie, and King's Cross to illustrate what procedures could be in place to ease the suffering of the bereaved and survivors.

EMA Library Mount Macedon Journal Citation JOURNAL CITATION

Title : **Investigation into the King's Cross underground fire**

Publication : London: H.M.S.O., 1988

Physical Description: [248]p., 17p. of leaves (some folded): ill. (some col.), plans (some col.)

Note : "Presented to Parliament by the Secretary of State for Transport by Command of Her Majesty November 1988" - T.p.

Additional Author: Fennell, Desmond, 1929-

Additional Corporate Author: Great Britain. Dept. of Transport

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Title : **King's Cross [videorecording] : beneath the flames.**

Publication : Frenchs Forest, N.S.W. : BBC Active, 2006.

Physical Description: 1 videodisc (VCD/DVD) (30 min.) :sd., col. ;4 3/4 in.

Series: Disaster special.

Note : Originally released BBC Worldwide, c2002.

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Summary: Over thirty people died in the King's Cross underground fire which broke out as commuters headed home on November 18, 1987. Almost 15 years on, this program examines the sequence of events which lead to and followed this catastrophe, one of the most severe incidents on any underground transportation system in the world.

Subject : King's Cross Underground Station (London, England)--Fire, 1987.
Subway stations--England--London--Fires and fire prevention.

Additional Corporate Author: BBC Worldwide Ltd.
BBC Active (Firm)
BBC Education & Training.

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Author : Turner, S.W. Thompson, J.A. Rosser, R.M.

Title : **The King's Cross Fire [Article] : planning a "Phase Two" psychosocial response**

Publication : 1989

Citation: Disaster Management, 1989, Vol 2(1) pp31-37

Summary: The fire at King's Cross underground station in November 1987 caused 31 deaths, with 14 people admitted to hospital with serious injuries. The immediate "phase one" disaster plan involving local emergency and health services was effective in dealing with physical injuries but there were no contingency plans to meet the longer term psychosocial needs of the very much larger number of psychological victims of the fire. In this paper, the authors present a series of recommendations for a "phase two" plan to meet these needs.

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Author : Turner, Stuart W. Thompson, James Rosser, Rachel M.

Title : **The Kings Cross fire:psychological reactions [Article]**

Publication : 1995

Citation: Journal of Traumatic Stress Vol.8(3) July 1995 pp.419-427

Summary: The psychological reactions of 50 survivors of the Kings Cross fire, which hit London's underground railway system on the 18th day of November 1987, are described.

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Title : **King's Cross Report [Article] : The Fennell Inquiry**

Publication : 1988

Citation: Civil Protection, Winter 1988, Issue No. 9, pp 4

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Summary: "The Investigation had only one goal: to ascertain the cause of the tragedy and to try and ensure that it will never happen again."

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Title : **The King's Cross underground fire: fire dynamics and the organization of safety: papers presented at a Seminar organized by the Environmental Engineering Group of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers and held at the Institution of Mechanical Engineers on 1 July 1989**

Publication : London: Mechanical Engineering Publications for the Institution, 1989

Physical Description: 86p.: ill.

Series: IMechE Seminar1989-2

Note : Includes bibliographical references

Contents: Setting the scene for King's Cross fire symposium: B. crossland; Damage assessment and overview of the technical investigation: K. Moodie; Computer simulation of the flows of hot gases from the fire at King's Cross underground station: S. Simcox, N. S. Wilkes and I. P. Jones; Results and analysis from the scale model tests: K. moodie and S. F. Jagger; Selection of materials and composites to minimize fire hazard: J. R. F. Burdett, S. A. Ames and P. J. Fardell; King's Cross - the lessons learned: M. J. Doherty; Managing safety in multidisciplinary organization: A. J. Eberlein; Safety auditing: J. H. Rogerson; Management and the cost of safety: D. J. Lewis

Additional Corporate Author: Institution of Mechanical Engineers (Great Britain). Environmental Engineering Group

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Author : Taylor, P. A.

Corporate Author: Metropolitan Fire Brigade (Melbourne, Vic.)

Title : **Kings Cross underground fire (UK) 1987 : research report in to the effects on the London fire services**

Publication : 1988

Physical Description: 11 p.

Summary: A report of research into the effects of the fire in the King's Cross Underground, London on the fire brigade in relation to procedures, equipment and training.

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Title : **Lessons learned from crowd-related disasters**

Publication : Easingwold, Yorkshire : Emergency Planning College, 1992

Physical Description: vii, 123 p. : ill.

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Series: Easingwold papers no. 4

Contents: Introduction to crowd-related disasters; Setting the scene; Sociological theories of crowds; Theories of the crowd: some cross cultural perspectives; Crowd psychology and building design; Crowd safety design, communications and management: the psychology of escape behaviour; Crowd behaviour in the King's Cross Underground station fire; Crowd behaviour: lessons to be learned from the Summerland Fire; The response of government to major disasters: the immediate issues (a personal comment of Hillsborough); Health, safety and welfare at pop concerts; Casualties: NHS perspectives; The NHS ambulance service response to crowd related disasters; Medical preparation for major incidents at mass gatherings; An NHS consultant's view of crowd-related disasters; Social and psychological aftermath of disasters; Contemporary practice; A Grand Prix weekend at Silverstone; The Metro Centre at Gateshead; Designing and operating the safe stadium; Discussion synopsis; The identification of major issues

Subject : Disasters--Case studies

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Author : Young, Peter

Title : **Management responsibility in disasters : Aberfan and King's Cross compared**

Publication : 1993

Citation: Disaster Management. Vol 5 (3) 1993, p.145-151

Summary: In order to consider the question of management responsibility for disasters, this paper looks at two disasters _ the Aberfan tip slide in 1966 and the King's Cross Underground fire in 1987.

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Author : McGregor, Ian

Title : **The public inquiry maze**

Publication : 1997

Citation: Civil Protection, Issue no. 42, Spring 1997, pp.6-7

Summary: A personal recount of the proceedings revolving around the public judicial inquiry into the King's Cross Underground fire and the Clapham train crash.

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Author : Leach, A.F.

Title : **Subway fire prevention : a tale of two cities**

Publication : 1989

Citation: Emergency Preparedness Digest, Vol 16(1) Jan-Mar 1989, pp 28-30

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Summary: It's a natural human reaction that when disaster strikes in one part of the world, we tend to take a look and see what the chances are of the same type of disaster occurring in our own back yard. On November 18, 1987, a subway fire in Britain killed 31 people and injured over 80. The fire occurred at King's Cross Station, in the heart of the London Underground, the world's oldest public transport system. An official report released in November 1988 blamed inadequate fire safety precautions for the scale of the disaster. The report noted that staff at the station did not apply a deop of water or use fire extinguishers. It also said that no one knew who was in charge, there were no established fire drill or evacuation procedures, and there was no requirement to call the fire department.

Emergency Management Terms: Transportation--Accidents

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