## Notre Dame Cathedral Fire

On April 15, 2019, the world watched in horror as fire engulfed the 850-year-old Notre Dame Cathedral. The fire started around 6:20 pm and took hundreds of firefighters more than nine hours to extinguish it.

Most of the Cathedral's roof was destroyed, including its famous spire, and the upper walls were severely damaged. Additionally, Notre Dame housed many religious relics and works of art.

An estimated 5 to 10 percent of the artwork was destroyed, but rescuers were able to save many of the artifacts, including the Crown of Thorns, which is generally considered to be one of the Cathedral's most valuable relics. Thankfully, the building is still structurally sound and the stone vaulted ceiling limited the damage done to the interior, but rebuilding the cathedral is going to be an extremely expensive and long process.

At least one

serious injury,

potential for more

Impact to

Safety

Significant

emergency

response

required

Evidence: Nearly 500

firefighters fought the fire. It took more than

cathedral.



View from pont de la Tournelle



First fire alarm

was triggered

(6:20 PM)







24-Why Cause Map

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