

Curt Weldon

A firefighter and fire chief who became a ten-term congressman — and who carried a warning to Washington before 9/11. Courage, integrity and decision-making under fire, from a man who ran toward crisis his whole life.

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20-YEAR U.S. CONGRESSMAN

ARMED SERVICES VICE CHAIR

AUTHOR, ABLE DANGER (2026)



Rep. Weldon at the Able Danger hearing with pre-9/11 al-Qaeda link charts (2005).

WHY CURT ON YOUR STAGE

Curt Weldon gives leaders and teams something rare: a keynote on courage and integrity from a man who paid the price for both. Across a lifetime in the fire service and twenty years in Congress — as Vice Chairman of the Armed Services Committee — he ran toward crisis, made decisions when the stakes were highest, and stood alone against his own government when it counted.

He doesn't give a canned speech. He turns hard-won experience into a framework your people can use on Monday — how to lead under pressure, keep your integrity when it costs you, and act when everyone else looks away. His new book, *Able Danger: What the 9/11 Commission Never Told You* (Skyhorse, 2026), is his tribute to FDNY Rescue Chief Ray Downey and the 343 firefighters lost on 9/11.

“He is the epitome of one who runs into the flames while others cower due to fear. Curt lives the phrase ‘bravery under fire.’”

— Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn, US Army (Ret.), former Director, DIA

FORMATS

- Keynote address
- Leadership breakout / team session
- Fireside chat / moderated Q&A
- Panel & forum appearances
- Commemorative & anniversary programs

In person or virtual. Ask about the “keynote + a copy of the book for every attendee” package.

IDEAL AUDIENCES

CORPORATE & LEADERSHIP

ASSOCIATIONS

EXECUTIVE & SALES TEAMS

NATIONAL SECURITY

UNIVERSITIES

VETERANS & FAITH

FIRE & EMS

THE THROUGH-LINE OF EVERY TALK

A man who ran toward the fire his whole life — as a firefighter, as a legislator, and as a truth-teller — and what that costs, and why it matters. Curt tailors the emphasis to your audience; the signature keynotes on the next page are starting points, not scripts.

Four talks — each for a different room

1 Bravery Under Fire: Leadership When It Counts

The flagship keynote for leaders and teams. Drawing on decades running toward crisis — as a firefighter, a fire chief, and a congressman who stood alone against his own government — Curt turns hard-won experience into a practical framework for courage, integrity and decision-making when the stakes and the pressure are highest.

For: corporate, association, executive & sales audiences, veterans · **Takeaway:** how to lead with courage and integrity under pressure.

2 One of Our Own: The Firehouse and the Flag

The Ray Downey story, told by the man who honored him — and the through-line from the 1993 World Trade Center bombing to the 343 lost on 9/11. Curt's journey from volunteer firefighter and fire chief to founder of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus.

For: fire service, EMS, first responders & commemorative programs · **Takeaway:** the fire service's voice in the national story — a tribute that lands in the room.

3 Prediction and Prevention: The Next 290 Years of the Fire Service

How military and intelligence technology can move disaster response from reaction to prediction — and Curt's case for the first White House Conference on Firefighters and EMS, with the work run by the fire service's own organizations rather than by government. (Proposed; not yet convened.)

For: fire & EMS leadership, public-safety technology, emergency-management and policy audiences · **Takeaway:** what the fire service needs next, and who should lead it.

4 What the 9/11 Commission Never Told You

Inside Able Danger — the Army intelligence program that identified al-Qaeda operatives inside the United States more than a year before the attacks — and how that warning was buried and left out of the official record. Firsthand testimony from the congressman who held the clearances, and the subject of his new book.

For: general, national-security, civic & university audiences · **Takeaway:** what happened before 9/11, and why the files still matter.

Booking & fees: Fees are quoted by inquiry and scaled to audience, with reduced and pro-bono rates for fire-service and nonprofit events. Now booking late-2026 appearances and 2027 keynote dates — early inquiries encouraged.

