

Timeline Of Events

A Moment by Moment Look at September 11, 2001 and the Days that Followed

September 11, 2001

8:45 am- American Airlines flight 11, hijacked en route from Boston to Los Angeles, with 92 passengers aboard, crashes into the north tower of the World Trade Center

8:50 am- Hijacked United Airlines flight 175, with 66 passengers aboard, crashes into the south tower of the World Trade Center

9:05 am - President Bush is reading to elementary school students in Florida, and is interrupted to be told of the brutal terrorist attacks on New York

9:30 am - President Bush addresses the people of Sarasota, Florida, and calls the crashes "an apparent terrorist attack."

10:00 am- The south tower of the WTC, the second tower hit by the rogue planes, topples to the sidewalk...and in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, another hijacked plane crashes, supposedly en route to Camp David or Andrews Air Force Base

10:15 am - American Airlines Flight 77, hijacked en route from Washington to Los Angeles, crashes near the newly renovated south side of the Pentagon in Washington, DC.; nonessential personnel in the Federal Building, White House, Capitol, and United Nations evacuated

10:22 am- The State and Justice Departments, as well as the World Bank, are evacuated

10:26 am- The north tower, hit by the first plane, falls to the sidewalk of New York

10:30 am - The FAA grounds all flights in American airways and diverts incoming international flights to other countries

10:38 am - Another explosion rocks the already-devastated World Trade Center

1:08 pm- President Bush addresses the nation, vowing revenge on those who attacked our nation

2:15 pm- NC Governor Mike Easley spoke to the State and said that North Carolina was in "no creditable danger."

2:51 pm- The US Navy sends missile destroyers, along with other equipment, to defend the waterways of Washington, DC and New York City

4:08 pm - Several US embassies located in Afghanistan close indefinitely

5:25 pm- Seventh building of the World Trade Center, a building already rocked from the nearby terrorist attacks, collapses

6:40 pm- President Bush returns to the White House, preparing to address the nation

6:05 pm- Bomb and missile showers rain down on Kabul, Afganistan. The United States denies claims to the attack.

6:59pm- Reports show that knives and box cutters were used in the hijacking. Some reports also stated that the flight attendants were injured or possibly murdered by the terrorist.

7:21pm- Cox Cable in Rocky Mount has 29 channels showing the news coverage. Two had no programing to honor those lost.

7:30 pm - People on Capitol Hill begin spontaneously singing along to "God Bless America"; MSNBC first reports that approximately 200 fire fighters dead or missing

8:30 pm- President Bush addresses the nation

9:00 pm- Night falls on the nation as Manhattan smolders in the wake of this terrible tragedy

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5:30 am- Osama bin Laden denies connection with the terrorist attacks, but admits that he is pleased

6:00 am- Six fire fighters and an policeman are pulled from the carnage at the World Trade Center, said to be badly burned

11:00 am- President Bush once again addresses the nation, calling the attacks an "act of war"

12:00 pm - FAA keeps airports closed past noon in order to put heavier security measures in place

12:09 pm- The Pentagon is temporarily evacuated, and fires continue to burn in the wreckage

2:00 pm- Although rescue efforts have continued all night, no more are expected to be found alive at the Pentagon. Some estimates show anywhere from 100 to 800 bodies lay buried in the wreckage. 259 firemen and policemen are still missing from the World Trade Center complex, most of them last seen before the towers began to collapse. Thousands are buried in the rubble of two of the tallest buildings in the United States.

October 7, 2001

12:45pm- News reports tell us that Allied Forces are attacking Afganistan as the first military attacks in the war on terror.

November 2, 2001

Several fire fighters on the recovery team at Ground Zero are arrested for a minor riot after plans of scaling back recovery efforts were passed. These charges were later dropped.

November 11, 2001

The two month anniversary occurs. Fire fighters and other volunteers at Ground Zero pause to honor those lost in a moment of silence.

November 12, 2001

American Airlines Flight 587 crashes in Queens, NY after 5 minutes of flight. The plane was headed to the Dominican Republic from JFK Airport. 255 passengers and crew were killed, and 5 people on the ground are missing.

November 29, 2001

Taliban militias and leaders have been driven out of most of northern Afghanistan. The Northern Alliance Forces have taken over. Even though the Taliban is leaving, the war is far from over; Marines are looking for Bin Laden. Also, the first US combat death occurred.