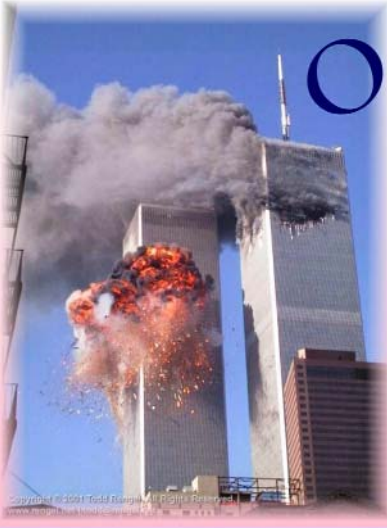


# One Year After...

## 9/11 First Anniversary Special

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# 09/11/01 - 09/11/02



On Tuesday September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks of unprecedented proportion were launched against the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington D.C. This Special Report by the Emergency Response and Research Institute (ERRI) is dedicated to remembering the events of September 11 one year after and for the first time, detailing the pre-9/11 events that were being investigated by ERRI leading up to the attacks.



**"When we get the final number, it will be more than we can bear."**

-- New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, on the number of people killed in the September 11 terrorist attacks.

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# The Pre-9/11 Events

overseas, one per year for the next five years... the United States is headed for a weapons of mass destruction incident inside the United States."

**Friday 11th May 2001** - The US Department of State (DoS) issues a World Wide Caution saying that American citizens abroad may be the target of a terrorist threat from extremist groups linked to Al-Qaeda.

**Tuesday 29th May 2001** - The Emergency Response and Research Institute (ERRI) issues a Terrorism Advisory warning of a possible attack from Usama bin Laden's terrorist network.

**Wednesday 30th May 2001** - The US DoS issues a World Wide Caution warning US citizens abroad they may be potential targets of the al-Qaeda network.

**Thursday 31st May 2001** - US Forces in the Persian Gulf are placed on high alert following a security threat associated with the convictions of four al-Qaeda terrorists over the 1998 embassy bombings in Kenya and Tanzania.

**Early June 2001** - The al-Qaeda network releases a videotape featuring Usama bin Laden declaring his intent to kill Americans and Jews and promising more attacks. Bin Laden also pays tribute to USS Cole suicide bombers.

**Wednesday 20th June 2001** - US forces in the Persian Gulf are placed on alert status THREATCON DELTA following intelligence the al-Qaeda network was about to launch a terrorist attack.

**Tuesday 25th June 2001** - Arab sources report that Usama bin Laden had set up a new terrorist group called Quaidatul Jihad, comprising of terrorists from the Egyptian Jamaat-ul-Jihad group.

**Wednesday 11th July 2001** - The Federal Bureau of Investigation predicted that terrorists would attempt to carry out a major attack on US interest abroad every year for the next five years. Assistant Director Dale Watson of the FBI Counter-terrorism Division told a National Governors Association conference: "We predict one major terrorist attack against U.S. interests

**Thursday 26th July 2001** - The US DoS warned that "terrorist actions" may be planned against US interests on the Arabian peninsula.

**Thursday 2nd August 2001** - A senior US DoS official met with a Taliban representative in Pakistan to discuss the expulsion of Usama bin Laden into US custody.

**Tuesday 21st August 2001** - Taliban supreme leader Mullah Omar calls on the Muslim world to defend itself against an "infidel conspiracy" against Muslims and Afghans.

**Thursday 30th August 2001** - The Russian Foreign Ministry reports that Usama bin Laden has been made commander-in-chief of the Taliban armed forces in Afghanistan.

**Friday 7th September 2001** - Intelligence officials reported al-Qaeda threats against the US Embassy and military facilities in Japan were "Not Credible".

**Friday 7th September 2001** - The U.S. DoS issues a Worldwide Caution warning of al-Qaeda attacks against US military personnel and citizens around the world.

**Saturday 8th September 2001** - A similar advisory to the US DoS as posted by ERRI to its website and this threat was discussed by ERRI's Clark Staten on WABC radio with John Batchelor and Paul Alexander.

**Sunday 9th September 2001** - Indonesian officials warn that Usama bin Laden is planning to use Indonesia as a launching point for world wide terrorist operations.

**Sunday 9th September 2001** - Northern Alliance Commander Ahmed Shah Masood was seriously wounded by two Taliban assassins in Northern Afghanistan. Masood died on Friday 14th September 2001. US intelligence immediately suspected the al-Qaeda network.

# Twenty-Four Hours that Changed the World...

## All times and dates are EDT

0800 -- American Airlines Flight 11 departs Boston Logan International Airport for Los Angeles International Airport

0814 -- United Airlines Flight 175 departs Boston Logan International Airport for Los Angeles International Airport

0821 -- American Airlines Flight 77 departs Washington Dulles Airport for Los Angeles International Airport

0840 -- Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) notifies North East Air Defense Sector (NEADS) that American Airline Flight 11 has been hijacked

0841 -- United Airlines Flight 93 departs Newark Airport for San Francisco International Airport

0843 -- FAA notifies NEADS that United Airlines Flight 175 is hijacked

0846 -- Fighter Scramble Order issued at Otis Air National Guard Base, Falmouth, Massachusetts

**0846 -- American Flight 11 hits the north tower, No 1 World Trade Center**

0852 -- Two F-15s from Otis Air National Guard Base are airbourne

**0902 -- United Airlines Flight 175 hits the south tower, No. 2 World Trade Center**

0924 -- FAA notifies NEADS that American Airlines Flight 77 has been hijacked

0924 -- Fighter Scramble Order at Langley AFB, Hampton, Virginia.

0930 (approx) -- FAA notifies NEADS that United Airlines flight 93 has been hijacked

0930 -- Two F-16s from Langley AFB are airbourne

0930 - Associated Press reports FBI is investigating reports of "foul play" in World Trade Center crashes.

0935 -- President George W. Bush calls plane crashes at the World Trade Center a "terrorist act"

0937 -- White House evacuated

**0940 -- American Airlines Flight 77 hits the Pentagon.**

0940 (approx) -- Fighter Scramble Order issued to two airbourne F-16s from Langley AFB. They are diverted towards United Airlines Flight 93.

0942 -- US State Department building in Washington DC evacuated because of fire.

0945 -- United Nations building in New York evacuated

0946 -- Associated Press reports car bombing at the US State Department building in Washington DC, report turns out to be false.

0945 -- FAA diverts all US inbound flights to Canada

0948 -- Emergency Response and Research Institute (ERRI) associate reports telephone lines in major US cities located in the eastern United States have been closed down to all but emergency calls to prevent terrorist cells communicating with each other.

0950 -- Part of the Pentagon building collapses

**0959 -- The south tower, No. 2 World Trade Center, collapses****1007 -- United Airlines Flight 93 crashes into a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania**

1009 -- Arabic newspaper publishes a reminder that Usama bin Laden warned of a major attack on the United States three weeks earlier

1010 (approx) -- Two F-16s from Langley AFB diverted to Washington D.C. and fly a Combat Air Patrol over the city

1021 -- CNN reports that President George W. Bush will not be returning to Washington DC immediately.

1023 -- The FAA confirms that 50 aircraft remain in the air and all are within 50 miles of their destination

**1028 -- The north tower, No. 1 World Trade Center, collapses. No. 4 WTC, No. 5 WTC and No. 6 WTC are also demolished in the collapse**

1030 -- NTSB confirms plane crash in Shanksville, Pennsylvania

1040 -- Mexican border closed

1041 -- ERRI associate reports that US naval ships in San Diego are being put to sea

1100 -- Unconfirmed reports of a bomb discovered at Camp David. These later turn out to be a false alarm.

1300 -- FAA declares no commercial or private flights in the United States will be allowed until at least noon September 12

**1510 -- No. 7 World Trade Center, a 47-story building, collapses from damage sustained in the twin towers collapse**

1530 -- Explosions rock Kabul, Afghanistan

1600 -- President George W Bush says the United States has not launched an airstrike

against Afghanistan in response to reports of explosions in that country

1621 -- Afghan opposition claims responsibility for Kabul explosions

1640 -- New York City reports that 78 NYPD officers and 200 firefighters are presumed dead

1940 -- US Department of State holds Press Briefing to say that US diplomatic posts have been officially notified of the attacks and earlier reports of a car bomb at the US Department of State Building were incorrect

2200 -- CNN reports that five fire officers and one police officer have been pulled from the World Trade Center rubble

2230 -- Media quotes President George W. Bush as saying that the "search is underway" for the terrorist attackers

2330 -- Reports that Muslim centers and websites around the United States are receiving large amounts of threats and hate-mail in response to the terrorist attacks. Many center and website operators are forced to close fearing their own lives.

**Wednesday 12th September 2001**

0000 - Fire Marshall orders the evacuation of the Pentagon amid fears of further structural collapses

0100 (0830 local Malaysian time) - The Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, are evacuated following a report from authorities that they had intelligence a bomb had been planted in the buildings. This is the first in a number of similar evacuations around the world.

0130 - FBI arrests several people at the Westin Hotel in the Copley Square area of Boston, in connection with the terrorist attacks. CNN also reports that several people were taken into custody for questioning in Florida.

0300 - The US Government tells media it has "reached out" to Russia and Pakistan to put pressure on the Taliban, to expel Usama bin Laden from Afghanistan.

0345 - NATO announces that US terrorist attacks were an assault against all member states. Secretary-General George Robertson says the U.S. would receive full support for military action against the perpetrators, from the 18 NATO partners.

0445 - Media reports that Naval medical ship USNS Comfort was departing Baltimore to station itself off the New York City waterfront to assist local New York Hospitals to cope with the injured from the terrorist attacks.

1000 - Media reports that Federal Officials announce a limited resumption of commercial flights, but most remain grounded as new security measures are being implemented at airports across the country

1016 - Department of Defense holds its first briefing since the terrorist attacks and says it's primary aim at this point was to assist with rescue and recovery efforts however they can

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# Victims of September 11

The September 11 attacks were the worst acts of terrorism in history. Below is the victim count current at September 11, 2002. One year later, the toll is still being revised as officials work to identify the victims.

WTC Civilian Victims	2259
Firefighters at WTC	319
Police / Law Enforcement / Sheriffs Dept. at WTC	43
EMS Personnel at WTC	7
Civilian EMS Dispatchers at WTC	1
Flight 11 Victims	87
Flight 77 Victims	59
Flight 93 Victims	40
Flight 175 Victims	59
Pentagon	125
<b>Total Victims</b>	<b>2999</b>

*Main Source: [www.september11victims.com](http://www.september11victims.com)*

**Special Thanks to Jared Ring, EMT-P, New York City**



***"Guys, be very careful, because firemen are going to die today."***

-- FDNY Ladder 24 Captain Daniel Brethel.  
Brethel died in the collapse of the World Trade Center on 9/11.



# The Rescue Workers

Hundreds of firefighters, police, paramedics and volunteers became part of the rescue effort at the World Trade Center on the morning of the terrorist attacks. When the Twin Towers collapsed, 319 firefighters, 50 law enforcement officers and 1 EMS dispatcher lost their lives.

Despite the loss of their brothers and sisters, many of the rescue workers remained at the scene to assist in the clean-up effort.

***"We'll see things today that we shouldn't have to see, but listen up, we'll do it together. We'll be together and we'll all come back together."***

-- Unknown FDNY lieutenant addressing his company on 9/11.

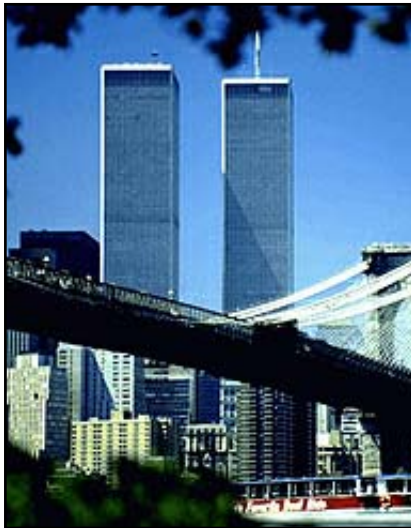


***"There were piles of compacted, twisted steel eight stories high into the air at first. It was just overwhelming. You wondered, 'Where do you start?' Now it is a gaping hole four levels down into the ground. I just can't understand how they did it that quickly."***

-- FDNY Captain Raymond Reilly, referring to the cleanup at ground zero.



# The World Trade Center Complex



September 11, 2001

Six buildings were destroyed at the World Trade Center complex on September 11, 2001. At any one time, up to 50,000 people in 430 businesses from 26 countries worked at the complex and on the morning of the terrorist attacks, many were still arriving for work. Completed in 1972, the Twin Towers, No.1 and No. 2 World Trade Center, were the most prevalent buildings on the New York City skyline, both 110 stories high. Their collapse also demolished No. 4 World Trade Center - SE Plaza Building, No. 5 World Trade Center - NE Plaza Building, No. 6 World Trade Center - U.S. Custom House and No. 7 World Trade Center.



January 2002



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# The Pentagon

Completed in 1943, the Pentagon has up to 23,000 US Department of Defense and 3,000 non-defense employees working in it. During the September 11 terrorist attack, one side of the building was heavily damaged. Complete reconstruction of the damaged portion of the building is nearly complete one year later.



August, 2002

September 11, 2001



January, 2002



September 11, 2001



December 2001



# Shanksville, Pennsylvania

After being hijacked themselves, the passengers aboard American Airlines Flight 93 learned the fate of the three other passenger jets that had crashed into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. The passengers are believed to have made an attempt to subdue the hijackers. Witnesses on the ground said the aircraft was erratically banking from side-to-side at an altitude of 2,000 feet moments before it plunged into the ground -- an indication there might have been a struggle in the cockpit.

Although the crater caused by the crash has been erased from the landscape, one year later a memorial created by the local residents of Shanksville remains.

## The Lessons Learned...

### An Intelligence Perspective

From the September 11 terrorist attacks, the intelligence, military, emergency and open source (OSINT) intelligence communities have learned more about the extremes of Islamic fundamentalism and how various extremist groups, who wish to do harm against the United States, operate.

Terror by its nature is asymmetric, otherwise known as fourth generation warfare, where the enemies do not wear uniforms and do not act in the way of conventional soldiers making them difficult to combat. But the better understanding of terrorism gained in the year since September 11 has helped make threat assessment and prediction by the intelligence community and OSINT organizations like the Emergency Response and Research Institute (ERRI), more accurate than ever before.

If anything, the September 11 terrorist attacks

have promoted a greater need for inter-agency cooperation within the United States government and military. A need that was answered with the formation of the Homeland Defense Agency and remodelled Federal Bureau of Investigation.

At ERRI, threat assessment remains a major component of our work and although we remember what happened one year ago, we understand the necessity to look forward and learn more about the terrorist-enemy in this rapidly changing and unique environment.

Clark Staten, ERRI Chief Executive Officer and National Security Analyst, summarizes the overriding attitude of the threat assessment in this post-September 11 world by saying:

*"The primary expectation is to expect the unexpected."*



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