

TIMELINE: Events unfolded that fateful morning

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before Ong's call, one of the hijackers stabbed Daniel M. Lewin, who was sitting in front of him in first class. Lewin is likely the first person killed in the 9/11 attacks.

- 8:20 a.m.: American Airlines Flight 77 takes off from Washington Dulles International Airport. The flight has 49,900 pounds of fuel and is carrying six crew members, 53 passengers and five hijackers.
- 8:21 a.m.: The transponder on Flight 11 is turned off. This device is meant to allow air traffic controllers to identify and monitor the flight path of a plane.
- 8:24 a.m.: One of the hijackers of Flight 11 unwittingly broadcasts a message to air traffic controllers alerting them to the attacks. The hijacker was attempting to communicate with passengers and crew within the cabin.
- 8:30 a.m.: Around this time, roughly 80 people have already begun gathering on the 106th floor of the North Tower of the World Trade Center for a financial technology conference. The conference is one of many events on the Trade Center schedule that day.
- 8:37 a.m.: The Boston Air Traffic Control Center alerts the military that a hijacking is under way.
- 8:42 a.m.: United Airlines Flight 93 takes off from Newark International Airport. The flight was due to take off at roughly the same time as the other hijacked planes, but was delayed due to routine traffic. Seven crew mem-

- bers, 33 passengers and four hijackers are on board. The flight is filled with 48,700 pounds of fuel.
- 8:46 a.m.: Five hijackers crash Flight 11 into floors 93 through 99 of the North Tower of the World Trade Center. Hundreds, including everyone on board the flight, are killed instantly. The crash severs all three emergency stairwells, trapping hundreds of people above the 91st floor.
- 8:46 a.m.: Police, paramedics and firefighters are sent to the North Tower.
- 8:50 a.m.: While visiting an elementary school in Florida, U.S. President George W. Bush is notified that a small plane has hit the North Tower.
- 8:52 a.m.: A flight attendant aboard Flight 175 reaches a United Airlines operator in San Francisco and reports the flight is being hijacked. By 9 a.m., various passengers on Flight 175 have called family members.
- 8:55 a.m.: The Port Authority informs people inside the South Tower via a public address system that the building is secure and there is no need to evacuate.
- 8:59 a.m.: The Port Authority Police Department orders both towers evacuated. One minute later Captain Anthony Whitaker expands the order to include all civilians in the entire World Trade Center complex.
- 9:02 a.m.: An evacuation order is broadcast in the South Tower.
- 9:03 a.m.: Five hijackers crash Flight 175 into floors 77 through 85 of the South Tower. All onboard the flight

- are killed, as are an unknown number of people inside the building. Two of the three emergency stairwells are impassable and most elevator cables are severed, trapping many people above the impact zone and inside elevator cars.
- 9:03 a.m.: A second call for mobilization brings the total number of New York City Police Department officers responding to the scene to roughly 2,000. In addition, the FDNY issues a fifth alarm and deploys several hundred additional firefighters to the scene.
- 9:05 a.m.: President Bush is informed that a second plane has crashed into the World Trade Center.
- 9:12 a.m.: Flight attendant Renée A. May calls her mother and tells her that hijackers have seized control of Flight 77. When May's call is disconnected, she calls American Airlines.
- 9:30 a.m.: Amidst reports of additional hijacked planes, the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management at 7 World Trade Center is evacuated.
- 9:37 a.m.: Hijackers crash Flight 77 into the Pentagon. All 53 passengers and six crew members perish, and 125 military and civilian personnel on the ground are killed in the fire caused by the crash.
- 9:42 a.m.: The Federal Aviation Administration grounds all flights, ordering all civilian planes in United States airspace to land. Departures also are prohibited.
- 9:45 a.m.: Evacuations at the White House and the U.S. Capitol begin.

- Both the House of Representatives and Senate are in session at the time the evacuation begins.
- 9:58 a.m.: Flight 93 is flying so low to the ground that passenger Edward P. Felt is able to reach an emergency 911 operator in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania.
- 9:59 a.m.: The South Tower collapses after burning for 56 minutes. The tower collapses in just 10 seconds.
- 9:59 a.m.: Continuity-of-government procedures are implemented for the first known time in American history.
- 10:03 a.m.: Four hijackers crash Flight 93 into a field near the town of Shanksville, Pennsylvania. All 33 passengers and seven crew members on board perish. Passengers and crew had stormed the cockpit, and the plane ultimately crashes just 20 minutes' flying time from Washington, D.C.
- 10:15 a.m.: The E Ring of the Pentagon collapses.
- 10:28 a.m.: The North Tower collapses after burning for 102 minutes. More than 1,600 people are killed as a result of the attack on the North Tower.
- 11:02 a.m.: New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani urges the evacuation of lower Manhattan.
- 12:16 p.m.: The last flight still in the air above the continental United States lands. Within two and a half hours, U.S. airspace has been cleared of roughly 4,500 commercial and general aviation planes.

TEACHERS: 'Etched in my mind forever'

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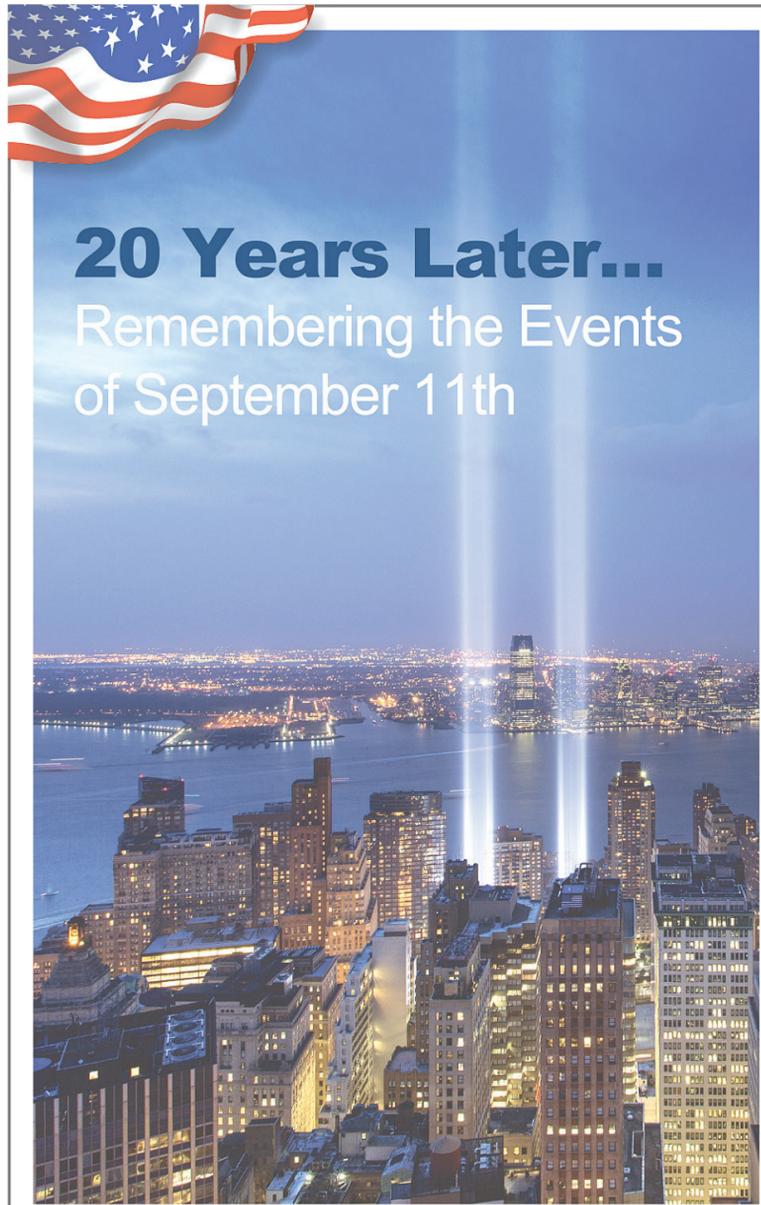
took the children out to the playground, but kept looking to the skies, wondering if additional attacks would be coming. I wanted to run to kindergarten and grab my own children and hide away. How could I best keep them and my students safe? It was a day that is etched in my mind forever."
— Lisa Brightwell Cortazar

"I was teaching kindergarten in Jacksonville, North Carolina. Jacksonville is home of Camp Lejeune and New River Air Station, both Marine Corps bases. My husband was an active-duty Marine in the MALS 29



division at the Air Station. The day began like any other day. Midmorning a teacher's aide came in to inform my assistant and me that a plane crashed into the towers. That was it. That was all the intel we received. Parents were rapidly showing up to pick up

their children. My class of 20 only had three present at dismissal. I came home to my small apartment to be greeted by my neighbors asking what I knew. I knew nothing. My neighbors then rushed me inside to watch the news. I was so frightened. What was going on? All I wanted to do was hug my Marine husband and call my mom. I was able to call my mom, but my Marine was on 24-hour duty. This was 20 years ago, and that frightening feeling continues today for military families. Pray for our military and their loved ones. I am blessed to still have my Marine, but many families are not as blessed. Semper Fi, devil dogs!"
— Tiffany Capati, Marine Wife and Advocate



On this day... 20 years ago 246 people went to sleep in preparation for their morning flights. 2,606 people went to sleep in preparation for work in the morning. 343 firefighters went to sleep in preparation for their morning shift. 60 police officers went to sleep in preparation for morning patrol. 8 paramedics went to sleep in preparation for the morning shift. None of them saw past 10:00am Sept. 11, 2001. In one single moment life may never be the same. As you live and enjoy the breaths you take today and tonight before you go to sleep in preparation for your life tomorrow, kiss the ones you love, snuggle a little tighter, and never take one second of your life for granted.

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