



05:45, 9/11/2001: Hijack ringleader Mohammed Atta (right) and Abdulaziz al-Omari pass through security at Portland International Jetport. Maine, where they board shuttle flight

to Boston's Logan International Airport to connect to American Airlines Flight 11

- 06:45-07:40: Atta, Omari and three other hijackers board Flight 11
- 07:59: Flight 11 takes off
- 08:14: United Airlines Flight 175 departs - also from Logan airport, with five hijackers on board
- 08:19: Flight attendants alert ground personnel to hijacking of Flight 11 - FBI jumpstarts investigation that will become largest in agency's history
- 08:20: American Airlines Flight 77 departs from Washington Dulles International Airport - five hijackers on board
- 08:24: Attempting to communicate with Flight 11's cabin. Atta mistakenly contacts air traffic control - "We have some planes. Just stay quiet, and you'll be okay
- 08:37: After hearing Atta's transmission, air traffic control contacts military to report hijacking - two F-15 fighter jets ordered to scramble from Otis Air National Guard Base in Massachusetts

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Tower of World Trade Center – killing all 92 people on plane along with hundreds more in impact zone



08:50: President Bush, visiting elementary school in Sarasota, Florida, alerted that "small plane" has hit WTC

- 09:02: Evacuation of South Tower of World Trade Center ordered
- 09:03: Flight 175 crashes into South Tower – all 65 on board killed instantly along with unknown number of people in building



- 09:05: Bush reading to children when Chief of Staff Andrew Card whispers "A second plane hit the second tower. America is under attack"
- 09:25: Otis fighters establish combat air patrol over Manhattan
- 09:30: Bush appears on TV, saying U.S. has suffered "an apparent terrorist attack" - he is then rushed to airport
- 09:32: Flight 93 hijackers accidentally transmit message intended for passengers - "Ladies and Gentlemen: . Here the Captain, please sit down, keep remaining sitting. We have a bomb on board. So. sit'
- 09:36: Military alerted to unidentified aircraft few miles from White House fighter jets scrambled from Langley Air Force Base ordered to fly to Washington
- 09:36: Vice President Cheney evacuated from his White House office to Cold War-era bunker beneath building
- 09:37: Flight 77 crashes into Pentagon, killing all 64 aboard plus 125 civilian and military personnel



09:42: National Ground Stop Federal Aviation Authority grounds all flights over, or bound for, continental U.S.

■ 09:57: Having learned of attacks via calls to loved ones, passengers aboard Flight 93 begin assault to retake plane



09:59: South Tower collapses 56 minutes after impact, killing around 600 rescue workers in building and surrounding area



- 10:03: Hijackers deliberately crash Flight 93 in field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, to prevent passengers from storming cockpit. Intended target believed to be Capitol or White House
- 10:15: Damaged section of Pentagon's outermost offices collapses
- 10:28: North Tower collapses after burning for 102 minutes, killing around 1,400 people in and around building. Marriott Hotel, at base of twin towers, also destroyed





- 11:45: Bush orders Air Force One to land at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana, where he makes first major TV response – "The resolve of our great nation is being tested
- 12:50: President arrives at Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska, home of U.S. Strategic Command bunker, to convene National Security Council teleconference
- 14:48: Giuliani says death toll will be "more than any of us can bear"
- 17:20: 7 World Trade Center 47-storey building adjacent to ruined towers - collapses
- 18:54: Bush returns to White House



20:30: President addresses nation, pledging to bring those responsible to justice – "We will make no distinction between the terrorists who committed these acts and those who harbour them"



Sources: 9/11 Commission Report, National September 11 Memorial and Museum

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