

America Attacked

12th September, 2001

At 8:46 am, America was attacked with an airplane hitting the North Tower of the World Trade Centre, in New York City.

Smoke billowed out the building and across Lower Manhattan as police, firefighters, and paramedics rushed to rescue and support the evacuation of the North Tower. A while later, at 9:03 am the South Tower was hit before collapsing 59 minutes later, leaving only debris and ash. The North Tower stood for a further 29 minutes before it too succumbed to its damage.

Al-Qaeda has taken responsibility for this attack and the attack on the Pentagon as well as the hijacking of United Flight 93 which crashed in Pennsylvania after the passengers took back control of the plane.

Sue Parker, an office worker on the 25th floor in the North Tower, described the incident: "I was working at my desk when the first plane hit above. I thought it was a problem with the lift: I could never have imagined it was a plane crashing into the building. Calling my colleagues to evacuate, we left via Stairway A and made it down safely. It wasn't until a firefighter told me what had happened outside that I realized how close I came to not getting out alive." It has been reported by those closest to the President that he is devastated by the attacks and determined to create a lasting memorial for those who have lost their lives.