Thousands feared dead as terrorist attacks hit New York, Washington and spread fear across U.S.

San Diego airport, office buildings closed; military bases on high alert

By James Stiehler

Smoke and flames poured from World Trade Center towers in Manhattan this morning after two airliners smashed into the 110-story buildings. The crashes, carrying a total of 156 people, hit the towers 18 minutes apart. The buildings ultimately crumbled to the street below. Authorities have not yet begun to estimate the casualties, which could run into the thousands. Red Cross/New York Times News Service

Coordinated air attacks on trade towers and Pentagon

Hijacked commercial airliners used as weapons

By Jerry Schwartz, Associated Press

NEW YORK — In a horrific sequence of destruction, terrorists hijacked two airliners and crashed them into the World Trade Center in an ordinated series of attacks this morning that brought down the new, twin towers. A third also slammed into the Pentagon, raising fears that one of government itself was under attack.

“This is the second Pearl Harbor. I don’t think anyone can ever overstate it,” New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. The mayor, who was responsible for the attacks. Bush added, “Terrorism against our fathers will not succeed.”

Authorities in New York had been trying to evacuate those who work in the twin towers, but many were thought to have been trapped. About 50,000 people work at the trade center. American Airlines said its two airliners were carrying a total of 200 passengers.

“Today we’ve had a national tragedy,” President Bush said in Utah, where he quickly cut short his visit. He added, “Terrorism against our fathers will not succeed.”

Senior officials at the Pentagon and the Capitol were evacuated along with other federal buildings in Washington and Maryland. Roads in the nation’s capital were shut down.

“I am so pleased,” said New York Gov. George Pataki, who was in Washington. “I am so relieved that the governor who oversaw the attack and I have not been successful.”

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Rescue workers moved an injured man from the World Trade Center this morning after the attack. Many of the still-unaccounted injured were badly burned. Associated Press/Bob Oden

A COPLEY HOSPITAL - In the World Trade Center's south tower, flamesChronicle/Robert Hussey

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EXTRA: AMERICA UNDER ATTACK

Devastation

By James Stiehler

All flights were grounded at Lindbergh Field this morning as the nation's air traffic system was shut down in the wake of what appeared to be coordinated terrorist attacks in New York and Washington. Senator Ted Kennedy was highlighted as government and military officials around the country, and even downtown office buildings got evacuated.

San Diego police evacuated the department's emergency operations center and took a number of measures within minutes of the multiple crashes. The operation also activated a plan to secure all key buildings in the city, which did not appear. Police Department spokeswoman Dave Cohn said. Police displayed images to Lindbergh Field to assist Harbor Police with grid-locked traffic and to lead military in installations to assist with traffic control. Police Chief David Nishy was scheduled to fill a closed-door briefing for the mayor, City Council and other officials at 10 a.m.

San Diego's border crossings with Mexico were closed. But security was increased to Level 1, the highest, and U.S. Customs Service spokesman Travis Hilt. Local military bases were under armed guard this morning, and all bases, including those with bases with base privileges, were stopped and all occupants had their identification checked.

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Air traffic halted, major high-rises evacuated

World leaders react in horror as some Palestinians celebrate

State on high alert; government workers sent home

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"Today we've had a national tragedy." President Bush from doesnton, Fla.

"This is perhaps the most horrifying terrorist attack that's ever taken place in the world," he said in a logistics operation from the terror group involved that's second to none. Only a very small handful of terrorist attacks is on that list." First lady Laura Bush

"My mother is going crazy. I just hope (my brother's) all right. He'll probably go back to his partner. He's my hanger partner. I'm just going to shed some." Edwin Cray, a 34-year-old bank employee, at the World Trade Center.

"I just saw my two town halls. I'm just doing this national belief. In many respects this is significantly worse than Pearl Harbor, and we don't know who's going to call all of these people, believe me. I just hope there is just in shock.

"The American Stock Exchange had already come to a halt today are sorted out, the securities markets have stopped until the events of today are sorted out, the securities markets have come to a halt. And that's not at risk," Andrew Hudson, a city councilman in Columbus.

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Trade Center blasts
World Trade Center: Two hijacked planes slammed into the building, killing 650 workers and 125 firefighters. Total death toll: 2,739. 150,000 square feet of floors were destroyed.

110,000 people work within the twin towers. Some are in new, comfortable offices and residences.

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Two roads diverged in a wireless technology.

Years ago, wireless carriers faced a monumental decision. Some backed technology now abandoned as a dead end. But Verizon Wireless chose CDMA technology developed by QUALCOMM right here in San Diego. As a result, today virtually every Verizon Wireless phone has built-in Internet access capability, text messaging and exceptional voice quality. Future Verizon Wireless phones will deliver faster data access, global positioning and streaming video, all thanks to CDMA technology. Make sure your phone works on the Verizon Wireless network with CDMA by QUALCOMM. It's the way wireless is heading.

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Way at Miramar Marine Corps with attack dogs were posted at submarine base and Miramar of the ID checks. Harbor Drive despite tragedy remain open.

The management of several airlines.
State services are chronically under-funded, making it impossible for state employees to provide the high level of services that the public expects and deserves.

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We're Standing Up for State Services. And We Think the Governor and the Legislature Should Be Standing With Us Instead of Giving Billions in Tax Dollars to Edison.
A sequence of photos showed a second aircraft approach the World Trade Center and then the indestructible explosion today. Within a span of 18 minutes, two planes crashed into each of the twin towers of the World Trade Center in Manhattan to which President Bush said was a "national tragedy and an apparent act of terrorism against our country." Kelly Diason/The New York Times

**EVERYONE WAS SCREAMING, CRYING, RUNNING**

A woman on her floor

"EVERYONE WAS SCREAMING, CRYING, RUNNING,'" said Helen Shirley O'Neill, a postal worker at an office on West Broadway. "I thought it was a huge explosion. It just went off in the air. All I saw was the top of Trade Two come down."

"We had only 20 seconds to escape, and Lincoln Tunnel was shut down to incoming traffic. Many left their cars and stood on the这意味着地板的人, starting screaming. Dust and dirt everywhere. Ash was up 3 to 5 hours later.

"People were jumping out of windows," said an unidentified eyewitness. "I just saw plane go by and hit building. Everyone was screaming, crying for their loved ones to get out."

"I just saw the building shake as the truck drove by," said Clyde Hand, a fire marshal from a fire network. "I felt the shock wave hit me as I was going down the stairs."

"I was at the World Financial Center's on the 70th floor, and all of a sudden, there was an explosion. Everyone was jumping out of windows," said Eddie Gonzalez, a security guard.

"I just saw smoke coming from the windows," said an unidentified eyewitness. "I just saw plane go by and hit building. Everyone was screaming, crying for their loved ones to get out."

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"I just got blisters everywhere, and there it was total darkness. We tried to go away, but I was blown to the ground. And I was trying to help this woman, but I couldn't find her in the darkness."

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