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THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NY & NJ
One Path Plaza, Jersey City, NJ 07306
POLICE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT REPORT

TEL. EXT. (201) 218-8800

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPECIFIC ITEMS *Item No. 13, Time occurred: Indicate time span. E.G. Auto theft – time vehicle parked to time theft discovered; Burglary – time premises secure to time burglary discovered. *Item Nos. 22, 30, 38 and 45, Race: Indicate W (White), B (Black), H (Hispanic), Y (Yellow), and R (Red). *Item No. 55, Describe weapon: Indicate type, model, caliber, make and serial number. *Item No. 56, Distinctive words used by suspect (Modus Operandi): Record any unusual features of the crime, especially verbal statements that might connect this offense with others committed by the same offender. *Item No. 72, If crime was burglary – point of entry: Specify, E.G. Door, window, roof, ceiling. *Item No. 73, Burglary: Method used to effect entry, Ex. Was window broken, alarm deactivated, door jimmied, etc?

4. Complaint Terroristic Act		5. Law/Sec	6. Crime Code	7. Date Occurred 09/11/01	8. P.A. Location Code 842 NY NJ
9. Complaint		10. Law/Sec	11. Crime Code	12. Day Occurred Tuesday	13. Time Occurred (From-To) 0858-0930
14. Date Reported 9/11/01	15. Time Reported 0858hrs	16. How Complaint Received <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Person <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Mail <input type="checkbox"/> FAX		17. Post Assigned DET	
18. Place of Occurrence (Address) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inside <input type="checkbox"/> Outside 1 World Trade Center NYC NY		19. Type of Location: <input type="checkbox"/> Store <input type="checkbox"/> Bank <input type="checkbox"/> Cargo Bldg. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office Bldg. <input type="checkbox"/> Air Terminal Bldg. <input type="checkbox"/> Pkg Lot <input type="checkbox"/> Gas Station <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
20. Complainant's Name (Last, First, Initial) United States of America		21. Sex <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	22. Race	23. Age	24. Area Cd - Bus. Tele.
25. Complainant's Address		26. Complainant-Suspect Relationship <input type="checkbox"/> Rel <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sgr <input type="checkbox"/> Friend <input type="checkbox"/> Other		27. Area Cd. - Home Tele.	
28. Reporting Person's Name (Last, First, Initial) Det William J. Kehoe, Port Authority Police NY/NJ		29. Sex <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	30. Race	31. Age	32. Area Cd - Bus. Tele. 718 2444370
33. Reporting Person's Address		34. Complainant Advised To Report Incident To Pct. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		35. Area Cd. - Home Tele.	
36. Witness Name		37. Sex <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	38. Race	39. Age	40. Area Cd - Bus. Tele.
41. Witness Address				42. Area Cd - Home Tele.	
43. Suspect's Name (Last, First, Initial) <input type="checkbox"/> Arrested <input type="checkbox"/> Interviewed		44. Sex <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	45. Race	46. D.O.B.	47. Area Cd - Tele
48. Suspect's Address		49. Hgt	50. Wgt	51. Hair	52. Eyes
53. Soc. Sec. Number		54. Complexion - Scars, Marks, Clothing, Alias			
55. Distinctive Words Used By Suspect		56. Describe Weapon <input type="checkbox"/> Used <input type="checkbox"/> Possessed			
57. P.A. Arrest No.		58. B. Number			
59. Pct of Occurrence Pct 01	60. Pct Voucher No.	61. Wanted Person Alarm No.	62. Docket Number	63. Court Date	64. Court
65. Magistrate	66. Disposition	67. Case Closed <input type="checkbox"/> By Arrest <input type="checkbox"/> By Other <input type="checkbox"/> Unfounded		68. Case Open <input type="checkbox"/> Inactive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Active	69. Records Section Only <input type="checkbox"/> Master Log <input type="checkbox"/> MNI File
70. Details of Complaint: Include Additional Suspects, Complainants, Witnesses. Summarize Detail of Complaint. Use Reverse Side if Additional Space is Required. At the above time and place of occurrence by means of deliberately causing (2) aircraft to crash into the World Trade Center Towers #1 and #2, persons unknown did cause the destruction of property and the loss of life. The lead agency conducting the investigation on the said terroristic act will be the FBI. This case is open and active.					
71. Vehicle and Plate Information <input type="checkbox"/> Stolen <input type="checkbox"/> Recovery <input type="checkbox"/> Used in Crime					
Body Style	Make	Model	Year	Color	
VIN No.	Plate No.	Type	Yr. Exp.	State	
Insurance Policy No.	Code Number	Value			
If Vehicle Stolen, Where <input type="checkbox"/> Pkg. Lot <input type="checkbox"/> Street <input type="checkbox"/> Garage <input type="checkbox"/> Other		Vehicle Impounded <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Location			
Alarm No.		Identifying Marks:			
72. If Crime was Burglary - Point of Entry		73. Burglary - Method Used To Effect Entry			
74. Stolen Property - Itemized		75. Property Summarized			
Quantity	Article Description- Serial and Model Nos.	Item Value	Type of Property	Value Stolen	Value Recovered
			01-Motor Veh.		
			04-Currency		
			05-Jewelry		
			08-Furs, Clothing		
			07-Firearms		
			08-Office Equipment		
			06-TV, Radios, Camcords		
			10-Household Goods		
			11-Consumable Goods		
			12-Miscellaneous		
76. Arresting/Investigating Officer <i>Det William J. Kehoe</i>		77. Tour Commander	78. Date	79. Facility Commanding Officer	80. Date
DETECTIVE WILLIAM J. KEHOE		30			

September 11, 2001

On the date of the World Trade Center terrorist attack I was in my office at the Port Authority Technical Center.

I received a telephone call from my good friend Ezra Aviles of the Office of Policy & Planning who said an aircraft had just struck the North Tower (1WTC) at a location above his office which was located on the north side of the 61st floor. In our discussion he was very calm and stated he saw the logo on the aircraft (American Airlines) as it approached the building. In further dialogue it became clear that this was not a small commercial craft but a full size passenger aircraft. He stated he was contacting me to notify Public Safety officially and would make a few other calls, depart the tower and come over to the PATC "to help us out".

I immediately notified Chief Romito of the information and he contacted CPD and prepared to depart for the WTC. Director Fred Morrone was just arriving and I gave him the information and he, Chief Romito and Inspector Infante, who was in civilian clothes, departed for the WTC.

Perhaps 5-10 minutes later Ezra called me again from his office, indicated debris was falling down and he was leaving now. There was no apparent panic in his tone of voice and he commented everyone was moving out of the office in an orderly manner.

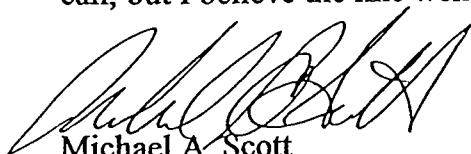
Sometime later, Ezra called me from his cell phone and said he was in the stairwell, evacuating with others. He noted again that people were moving down the stairs calmly. There were many people evacuating so it was slowing things down and he indicated the presence of light smoke in the stair shaft.

I'm not sure what time it was, but Gayle Pizarro advised me that Director Morrone was on the phone. I picked up the call at her desk and my recollection of the call is:

Mike Scott: Hello, Fred?

Fred Morrone: Mike?...Hold on.....Oh shit!

The phone went dead at this time. I had no idea of his location at the time of the call, but I believe the line went dead at the time of the collapse of Tower 1.



Michael A. Scott
Assistant Director
Public Safety Department

The Authority of New York and New Jersey
HAND-WRITTEN MEMORANDUM

To: Lt. Ed Gutch

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From: Sgt. Quentin D. DeMarco #244

Date: 11 / 4 / 01

Subject: MEMO#64-01 RESPONSE TO WORLD TRADE CENTER ON 9/11/01

On 9/11/01 at approximately 0850, I was notified by P.O. Kosinski that an airplane had struck tower 1 of the World Trade Center. P.O. Don Burns and the undersigned responded in Vehicle #51516. While enroute, a second plane struck tower 2. Upon our arrival, I observed a PAPD ESU Truck parked on W. Broadway St. north of Vesey St. We met with Sgt. Kaulfers and an ESU team. Sgt. Kaulfers informed me that they were going to make an entry and that he didn't have enough SCOTT air packs for P.O. Burns and myself to enter with his team, however, the PAPD Mobile Command Post was located on West St. and there was equipment being staged there. We responded to West St. across from 1WTC. While at this location, I observed numerous individuals jumping from 1 WTC, striking the sidewalk, a telephone pole and the overhead covering of VIP Drive. I informed P.O. Burns that we would not enter the building until we had been equipped with SCBA, communications and sufficient manpower. A short time later, I observed the Command Post parked on West St. just North of Vesey St. We responded there. While forming teams and assembling equipment to make entries into the WTC, Captain Whitaker informed the undersigned that no one is to enter the buildings, they were structurally compromised and could collapse. A short time after this I observed tower 2 collapse into West St. A large amount of dust, smoke and debris began to travel towards the Command Post. All officers were forced to flee the area, I fled on foot North on West St. and was

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Sgt. DeMarco #244
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eventually enveloped in the dust, ash and smoke, making it difficult to see or breathe. Approximately four blocks from the WTC, I observed a NYC Policeman and Fireman jump from a moving van and fall to the curb. Both were choking on ash and were having difficulty breathing. P.O. Dan McCarthy obtained bottles of water and we assisted both individuals in clearing their airways and exiting the area. P.O. McCarthy and I began to respond towards the WTC to assist victims and 1 WTC collapsed sending dust, smoke and debris, again forcing us to flee from the area. Captain Albin informed me to form up all PAPD Officers in the auditorium of St. Johns University and to record names of all officers present. Once in the auditorium, an accounting of personnel was conducted. Information was received of a possible secondary explosive device in the building and an orderly evacuation was conducted. Officers were then forming up on West St. when 7 WTC collapsed. A secondary mustering site was obtained and all officers were informed to muster in the gym of CUNY located on W. Moore St. and West St. All names of officers present were collected and recorded. At approximately 2300, Chief Morris instructed all officers to secure, as the midnight officers were on scene. We were instructed to report back at 0600 to resume rescue operations.

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THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NY & NJ

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TO: Lieutenant E. Gutch
FROM: P.O. James E. Hall # 1529
DATE: Nov. 2, 2001
SUBJECT: Events Occurring During The World Trade Center Attack

On Sept. 11, 2001 the undersigned officer was assigned to the CVI unit. Also assigned that day was PO A. Niedermeyer #1537 and PO J. Rivero #1623. While conducting a bus inspection detail in the location of W 41st and 11th Ave. at approx. 0845, we received a radio transmission stating an explosion occurred at the location of the World Trade Center. The above listed officers along with the undersigned immediately responded in RMP # 531601 to said location. While responding I observed extreme damage accompanied by smoke and fire coming from the top floors of WTC Tower # 1. At approx. 0850 we arrived at the scene and positioned RMP on south bound Westst in front of the World Financial Center, adjacent to VIP drive. The undersigned approached Capt. Whittaker at our location and advised him of our presence. The above officers along with the undersigned began administering first aid to numerous victims suffering from various degrees of injury. During this time NYPD, NYFD and EMS units began arriving and staging in the area of West st. While assisting a female burn victim, I observed PO Rivero look up towards the WTC tower #2. At this time the undersigned heard the sound of jet engines and observed an aircraft with a blue color tail fly directly into the south face of WTC Tower # 2. Following the impact an enormous explosion occurred causing debris to begin to fall down all around the WTC complex. At this time the undersigned observed several people falling onto Westst. To avoid being struck by falling debris and bodies the above officers along with the undersigned repositioned ourselves to Barkleyst and West Broadway as directed by Capt. Whittaker and Insp. L. Fields who was also now at the scene. The undersigned observed the following members at this location: Sgt. J Poland, PO P. Batista, Capt. K Mazza, Lt. R. Ciri. PAPD ESU Truck # 1 was positioned at this location and ESU had appeared to have already been deployed. Rescue equipment was being issued by PO B. Reynolds and PO A. Hamlett (SCBA's, IDM's and First Aid equip.) In order to commence a rescue effort. The undersigned approached PO Niedermeyer and we concurred on the use of channel A for direct communication. This is the last time the undersigned had any contact whatsoever with PO Niedermeyer. Under the direction of Insp. L. Fields a search and rescue team was formed consisting of Police Officers Kellinger, P. Lucas J. Rivero, B. Pikard and the undersigned. The aforementioned officers along with Insp. L. Fields and the undersigned responded back to VIP Drive in an attempt to enter Tower #1. Upon entering the lobby of Tower # 1 the undersigned encountered bodies still falling from the buildings and striking the ground in the area of VIP drive. For a short period in the lobby, the rescue team along with the undersigned discussed our deployment with Insp. Fields. During this time a body crashed through the glass and disintegrated, striking Insp. Fields in the leg. We then accented the B stairwell to assist in the evacuation of the building. During our accent the undersigned advised many people of evacuation directions and assured them all was OK. At approx. the 12th floor the search team and the undersigned observed PO Niedermeyer's father in the stairwell. The undersigned attempted to raise PO Niedermeyer and advise him of the same, but was unable to make radio contact. The rescue team arrived on the 15th floor where we provided assistance to numerous evacuees. As request by NYFD (possible heart attack of a fireman) PO's Kellinger, Lucas, Rivero and the undersigned responded to the 19th floor to provide assistance. Upon arriving PO Kellinger and the undersigned

began to administer O2 to two NYFD firemen (Engine # 5) who were sitting on the floor. While assisting NYFD, the entire building began to shake violently; the undersigned was thrown to the floor. There was a loud rumbling sound and the outside windows began to implode. Smoke and dust filled the building and all electrical power was lost. The NYFD radios alarmed and ordered all to evacuate. (Later this was found to be the collapse of WTC Tower #2) PO's Kellinger, Rivero, Lucas NYFD and the undersigned began to evacuate the floor, into the stairwell. Due to the deteriorating conditions it became necessary to utilize our SCBA equipment at this time. During our decent we were able to assist several evacuees who were becoming overwhelmed with smoke that was rising up the stairwell. PO's Kellinger, Lucas and Rivero began to escort a large group of evacuees to safety while the undersigned remained in the stairwell to assist one NYFD with a injured man who was unable to walk. On the 2nd floor Sgt. Kruger and NYPD ESU Police Officers Sgt. Mike Curtin and PO John Dallara joined the evacuation of

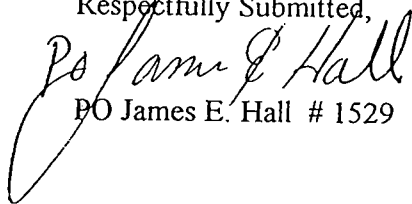
At this time ESU Sgt. Curtin and Dallara ordered us to expedite the evacuation due to the instability of the structure. As we approached the plaza level of the lobby PO R. Beatty #963 began to assist. The above officers along with the undersigned while carrying exited Tower #1 from the north side onto the plaza where we encountered debris and bodies striking the plaza area around us.

Sgt. Kruger, PO Beatty and ESU Sgt. Curtin, PO Dallara remained under the awning of the Customs House. This is the last known location of both NYPD ESU Officers who are still missing. NYFD and the undersigned began to travel east along the out side of the Customs House. Approx. 100Ft. from the southeast corner of the building the undersigned heard a very loud rumbling sound followed by large amounts of debris dust, smoke began to fall upon us. The undersigned became buried. NYFD fireman along with undersigned had to drop and dive through a broken window into the Customs House. Unable to see or breathe the undersigned fell to the floor and was engulfed in a cloud of dust. An unknown period of time went by before the undersigned was able to recover, then the cloud began to settle and several fires began to erupt. I was able to reorient myself with what had happened (WTC Tower # 1 collapsed). NYFD and undersigned were able to dig out from under a pile of debris but he stated he was unable to go on any further. The undersigned attempted to contact the CPD/CPV with my radio and advise of my condition and location. A partial transmission was received but it was very unclear. Due to the injuries sustained to, NYFD and the undersigned were unable to move him any further. We gave SCBA and advised him that we were going to get more help for him. The firefighter and the undersigned were able to negotiate the plaza, which was collapsed in many areas. Upon arriving on Vesseyst the undersigned made contact with two NYFD firefighters who appeared to have just arrived (clean uniforms). The undersigned advised them of location and condition. The firefighter along with the undersigned traveled to the corner of Churchst and Vesseyst. where we acknowledged each other and split up. The undersigned was able to find my way to Westst. where I observed PO G. Christensen and PO R. Greff. The above mentioned officers assisted the undersigned to EMS (I was unable to see) where I received First Aid. Following treatment the undersigned made contact with POs' Kellinger, Lucas, Rivero, Pikkard and Insp. Fields. After a short period of time The undersigned along with several other Port Authority police officers returned to the WTC complex to assist in search and recovery efforts for now many missing people and equipment. Furthermore the undersigned was able to contact through PA Detectives. stated he was transported to the hospital shortly after we were separated.

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The above listed officers along with the undersigned continued rescue and recovery of equipment (firearms and vehicles) until approx. 1900 when we were directed to secure. The undersigned returned to the scene on Sept. 12, 2001 and continued with rescue efforts under the direction of ESU Sgt. John Flynn until Sept. 15, 2001 when The CVI unit was ordered to commence a security detail. The following report is being submitted as requested, to the best of my recollection.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "PO James E. Hall". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and number.

PO James E. Hall # 1529

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
HAND-WRITTEN MEMORANDUM

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To: Lt. Ed. Gutch

From: Lt M. MURPHY

Date: 11 / 8 / 01

Subject: Terrorist Attack - September 11, 2001

On Tuesday, September 11, 2001 I was working 7X3 as the Staff Lieutenant at the JFK Police Command.

When the first plane struck the WTC, we immediately started to mobilize Officers from JFK. CFR equipment was gathered, a bus and vehicles were ordered to transport men and equipment, the PA Helicopter was requested (I was unable to obtain the helicopter) and manpower calling the Command was told to come in.

While in the process of the above, Lt. Hanley advised me that a second plane had struck the other tower of the WTC and we then knew we were under attack and not an accident as previously thought.

The convoy of equipment then left JFK for the WTC. The first group upon exiting the Battery Tunnel were confronted with the first Tower collapse. My group halted on the Brooklyn side of the Tunnel as smoke filled the Tunnel. A request was made of me by NYPD and Tunnel Authorities to utilize our bus to assist in evacuating pedestrian runnings through the

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To: _____

From: _____ Lieutenant Michael Murphy
Staff Lieutenant/J.F.K. _____

Date: _____ (718) 244-4302

Subject: _____

Tunnel from Manhattan to Brooklyn. Initially we Agreed and the JFK Officers put on their bunker gear and riot packs. It became apparent that we could not get our bus into the Tunnel due to the volume of people attempting to exit the tunnel.

I had the Officers remove their gear and re-board the bus. NYPD then escorted the bus and my vehicle to the Bklyn Bridge in order to get to the WTC. Once in Manhattan the bus got separated from my vehicle and the escort vehicle. I was escorted to One Police Plaza by NYPD who feared to go any closer. My vehicle contained myself, Sgt. P. Schaefer and P.O. G. Latimer.

Officer Latimer was left at our vehicle while Sgt Schaefer and myself don face masks and proceeded on foot to the WTC area to locate our bus, Officers and equipment. About a block from City Hall (Park Row & Dover) we encountered Det's Fitzgerald and Wheeler seated on a bench. Both were covered in white ash. We checked to ensure they were physically and mentally fit. Though shaken, they were still fit for duty and required no medical treatment.

Sgt Schaefer and I proceeded on and at City Hall (Chambers & Park Row) we encountered P.O. S. Fitz-
rick of the WTC Police Command.

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He was completely covered in ash and dirt. He advised me that he was releasing a prisoner due to the first plane striking the building. The original arrest was only for a Trespass and his priority was to help with the accident. While in the main lobby area by a staircase to the street the building began to collapse. Lights went out and he began to crawl up the stairs and out through the smoke. Once outside he made his way to City Hall and was being assisted by NYC workers. He was left with EMS and told we would return for him.

We proceeded on to the WTC area still in search for our men on the bus and an Incident Command Center. Without radio and cell phone communication we had planned to circle the WTC area as close as possible to locate our people. We traveled on West Broadway

Due to fire and debris we proceeded from sidewalk to street and back again to access the area. Buildings in the area had damage that could lead to collapse or partial collapse so extreme care was taken as we proceeded forward. No one was encountered in this area in need of help. Only a few emergency workers were here at all. We came upon the NYPD

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Michael Murphy

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To: _____

From: _____ Lieutenant Michael Murphy
Staff Lieutenant/J.F.K.

Date: _____ 11/11/72

Subject: _____

Chief of Detectives with a couple of his men. They appeared to be appraising the situation. We proceeded past them and were within a block of the WTC when a couple of loud explosions occurred in front of us. Not seeing anyone in need of help and without bunker equipment, Sgt Schacter and I turned up the street and headed to Church St. in attempt to circle the WTC area.

Unable to locate our men we returned back to pick up P.O.S. Fitzpatrick at City Hall and escort him to our vehicle at 1 Police Plaza. Once there we were able to obtain a wet towel to clean up, as best we could, P.O.S. Fitzpatrick. We then drove to Broadway and Rector and parked the vehicle. We walked toward the WTC and met Insp. Morris at Broadway and Warren. He advised us that the Command Post was set up at the gym on West St. We then returned to our vehicle and proceeded to the Command Post on West St and Chambers.

I reported in to Insp. Norris and Ceccarelli. Still concerned for my men, I asked if a record was kept as to who was at the scene and equipment available but no log had been started. I was told Insp. Fields was attempting to set that up in the gym.

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Michael Murphy
11/11/72

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From: _____ Lieutenant Michael Murphy
Staff Lieutenant/J.F.K.
Date: ____/____/____ (718) 244-4302

Subject: _____

I reported to the gym to learn if my men were there and to assist with organizing a response back to the WTC. My men were in the gym along with the other command's manpower. We were told to await instructions.

During this time, it was determined that a body found was that of P.O. George Howard. Sgt. M. McGarr turned over to me a 9MM service weapon and a 9MM off duty both presumed to be from P.O. G. Howard. I contacted the CPD and had the weapons checked for ownership. The service weapon came back as P.O. G. Howard's and the off duty to P.O. Kurt Reichel of the JFK Command.

P.O. K. Reichel had been with P.O. G. Howard but escaped the collapse. P.O. K. Reichel was located in the gym and his weapon was returned to him. P.O. G. Howard's weapon was stored with JFK's Truck & weapons in the PATH ESN Truck.

P.O. C. Bergmann reported to me his injury (laceration to his hand requiring stitches) which occurred while running from the collapsing towers. He fell down subway stairs from the street to the subway. He was treated and released.

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To: _____

From: _____ Lieutenant Michael Murphy
Staff Lieutenant/J.F.K.

Date: ____/____/____ (718) 244-4302

Subject: _____

Much time was spent making a record of who was dispatched to the WTC collapse and who we saw after the collapse or had at our location. Lt. Howie was assigned to put in a master list in his laptop computer.

Insp. Morris addressed all members of the force in the gym and requested that only ESN people remain. All other Officers were to break down into their respective commands and organize their way back to their commands. Utilizing a bullhorn, I designated an area for each command to respond to in the gym. I then broke down IFK and L6A into groups for their return to their commands and dispatched them.

Upon return, an accounting of the day's events were made to Capt. McClancy.

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(Hoboken 6066)

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To Chief J.Morris

On the 11th of SEPTEMBER WHILE WORKING WITH N.Y.C. D.O.T. at the P.A.B.T. the C.V.I. unit heard a transmission of an explosion at ONE W.T.C. The C.V.I. unit that day consisted of P.O. A.NIEDERMEYER, P.O.J.HALL and myself P.O.J.RIVERO. We immediately responded traveling down West St. As we got closer to the W.T.C. we could see a large hole and fire coming out of the 1 W.T.C. We arrived and parked our truck in front of #2 W.F.C. P.O.HALL and P.O. Niedermeyer and myself encountered several people that had been burned and a gentleman who stated he had two women who were burned badly. We took the two women and proceeded to stop an ambulance that was coming down West St. and put them in it. At this time I heard a loud roar as I looked up I saw a plane coming from the south I yelled `Al look at this shit ` the plane smashed into W.T.C. #2 we continued providing assistance to several other injured people. At one point I saw Capt.Whitaker I informed him `you have three C.V.I. P.O. where do you want us?'He stated to go to Barkley St. where equipment was being brought out too. We ran up to Barkley St. where we saw several P.O.'s and Capt. Mazza and Lt. Cirri. I received a Scott airlock from a P.O.(name not sure of at this time).I ended up in a team of five POs consisting of HALL,KELLINGER,LUCAS,PICKARD and myself. We ended up in front of #1W.T.C. with Insp. Fields we took turns running into the building due to people now jumping out of building and landing on sidewalk.We entered #1 W.T.C. after a brief discussion with Insp. Fields(at this time a couple of body parts came across lobby one striking Insp. Fields in the back of his leg) we proceeded up stairway unknown which one and we stopped to assist FDNY with oxygen to one of their own and rest on the 20th floor.It was at this time it started to roar and the building seemed to shake.We were told by FDNY that they were being told to get out of building.We now started to go down stairs it started to get really dark and there was a lot of dust in stairwells as we were going down.I removed my shirt while stopped and gave it to a lady so she could put it over her mouth and nose so she could try and breath a little easier due to amount of dust and smoke in area.I now saw P.O. HALL with a male in front of me that he was helping(carrying) out I stepped in front of him and grabbed a older lady that was struggling in front of us I started to give oxygen to her and another lady who had now also come up behind me gasping and coughing.We ended up exiting somewhere on the plaza and made my way out with the older women and several others.I went up Vesey to Church made a left and proceeded uptown a couple of blocks where an ambulance was stopped and I left the lady I was carrying.I now headed back towards W.T.C. and was picked up along the way by P.O.HOWARD and another P.O. I believe was P.O. JURGENS who asked where the command post was. We proceeded towards West St. as we turned on Vesey and West I heard the roaring sound again(I taught this was another plane coming

in)I jumped out of truck screaming at them to 'GET OUT AND RUN'. As I crossed West St. I was thrown (pushed)up Vesey towards the water and landed against a fence a NYC fireman landed on my legs and kept telling me stay down it will clear.I was trying to get up ,but it was now pitch black and I could not breath due to inhaling large amounts of dirt & dust.It did clear after a while and we got up the fireman had a broken shoulder and I helped him to where some other fireman grabbed him and told me to head uptown.I ended up being grabbed by an ambulance crew and given oxygen and my eyes being washed.I got out of the ambulance and was such walking to try and find one of my guys and ended up being grabbed by another E.M.T. crew who put me in the lobby of some building giving me oxygen again and first aid. We were then told we had to evacuate that building, I ran out of that building and was grabbed by P.O. Morales(NIA) who helped me the rest of the way until we got to BMCC gym where PAPD was reassembling.We got cleaned up a little and I tried to find my partner(Niedermeyer).We went back down to W.T.C. and retrieved some of our equipment and a search until 1900 Hrs.At this time I still had not made contact with P.O.Niedermeyer was told by 81- FLYNN there were a lot of people missing that he might be in hospital or on other side of WTC. We were told to go home get rest and report back at 0600.I went home and returned next day and a search and rescue operation was started with E.S.U. This report is being written to the best of my recollection.

Respectfully submitted,
P.O. J. RIVERO #1623

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Sir, in response to your request for my actions during the WTC terrorist attack on Tuesday, September 11, 2001, in which I was the Patrol Sergeant; the following is the most accurate account I can give from my memory and tapes of the radio transmissions. Please note that the given times on this chrono log, were not taken from a Dictaphone machine, but instead timed as the tapes ran simultaneously with a clock. Therefore, the times may vary slightly as compared to the Dictaphone machine.

- 0848 Sgt. DeVona has just walked out from the Police Desk 5 WTC, when he hears an explosion. The plaza is filled with building debris and fireballs falling down. Sgt. DeVona contacts the Police Desk and requests EMS and FDNY response for major injuries.
- 0848 WTC Police Desk radios all units respond to the Plaza.
- 0849 Sgt. DeVona and PO Basic respond to the Plaza, PO Basic radios the top floors of 1 WTC are on fire possible aircraft collision.
- 0849 Captain Whitaker radios to WTC Police Desk. No response given.
- 0850 Sgt. DeVona responds to 1 WTC Fire Desk to man Command Post, and radios for the Police Desk to have all WTC Police Units get Scott Air Packs and start evacuation of 1 WTC.
- 0850 WTC Police Desk radios all units bring Scott Air Packs to 1 WTC.
- 0851 Ladder 10 radios to WTC Police Desk what building has been hit 2 or 1. WTC Police Desk replies 1 WTC has been hit.

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- 0851 Sgt. DeVona radios to WTC Police Desk to call NYC for every available EMS unit also notifies desk to call CPD for a job-wide mobilization. The desk acknowledges.
- 0851 People are exiting the B-Stairway onto the Concourse and being directed out of the building through the main Concourse towards Church Street.
- 0852 Sgt. DeVona steps out onto VIP Drive observes several DOA's. When FDNY arrives, Sgt. DeVona escorts a severely burned female to the arriving EMS workers.
- 0852 PO Lim/K-9 requests an ambulance at America's Coffee for an aided with a back injury.
- 0853 Sgt. DeVona confers with FDNY Battalion Chiefs at Starters Desk. They are desperate to get a working elevator, however all elevators have been rendered inoperative. Over the course of the next half-hour FDNY continues to request a serviceable elevator, as per ACE mechanics this can not be accomplished.
- 0853 4-1 radios WTC Police Desk reporting an explosion on the lower level.
- 0853 WTC Police Desk replies there was an explosion on the upper floors.
- 0853 WTC Police Desk to Sgt. DeVona be advised CPD has been notified as per your request of mobilization. Sgt. DeVona acknowledges and states that he will let the desk know further on the injuries.
- 0853 WTC Police Desk radios Sgt. DeVona and requests permission to release previous arrestee, permission granted by Sgt. DeVona.

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- 0853 WTC Police Desk radios PO Houston asking him if he copied last transmission.
- 0854 Unidentified radio transmission of people jumping from windows of 1 WTC confirmed DOA's. Sgt. DeVona acknowledges.
- 0854 WTC Police Desk tries to contact unidentified unit. No response given.
- 0854 WTC Police Desk radios Sgt. DeVona asking if he reported jumpers.
- 0854 Unidentified unit states that there are DOA's on the Plaza and again states there's a confirmation on DOA's.
- 0854 Sgt. DeVona acknowledges.
- 0854 Sgt. DeVona requests PO Basic to meet with him at the Fire Starters Desk.
- 0854 Sgt. Kaulfers radios to Captain Whitaker twice no response.
- 0856 PO Davis reports that PATH trains are still coming into WTC.
- 0857 WTC Police Desk reports to PO Davis that PATH trains have been suspended into the WTC. PO Houston and PO Wholey start to evacuate PATH station.
- 0857 WTC requests an available unit to check Turner Construction, 1 WTC B-4 Level, report of broken water pipes.
- 0857 PO Davis radios to desk that he copies, Police Desk says you'll handle, PO Davis responds affirmative.
- 0858 PO Finnegan reports jumpers out of windows.

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- 0858 FDNY and NYPD ESU are responding up the 1 WTC, B-Stairway for evacuations.
- 0858 Captain Whitaker responds to 2 WTC with PO McNeil, PO Foreman and PO Webb.
- 0859 WTC Radios for available units for people trapped on the 79th floor Suite 7967, 1 WTC.
- 0859 PO Fitzpatrick reports to WTC Police Desk as per Sgt. Kaulfers EMS is needed on West Street.
- 0859 Sgt. DeVona calls for evacuation of buildings 1 & 2 WTC *"Until we find out what caused this."* WTC Police Desk acknowledges.
- 0900 Captain Whitaker radios to Sgt. DeVona for an evacuation of the entire complex. Sgt. DeVona acknowledges and asks Captain Whitaker what is location is. Captain Whitaker states that he is on Liberty Street outside of 2 WTC.
- 0900 PO Lim/K-9 calls WTC Police Desk and then makes no further transmissions.
- 0900 WTC Police Desk asks Sgt. DeVona should we start that evacuation in building 5. Sgt. DeVona replies, *"Stand by on building 5."* The Desk acknowledges.
- 0901 PO Houston, PO Davis and PO Wholey start to evacuate the B-4 Level, 1 WTC.
- 0903 Sgt. DeVona radios PO Basic to rendezvous with him at the Fire Desk.
- 0903 Captain Whitaker asks WTC Police Desk if they've started a Chrono Log. They acknowledge affirmative. Captain Whitaker states, *"For the chrono evacuate all buildings in the complex. You copy? All building in the complex."* The WTC Police Desk acknowledges and radios all units in the field, evacuate all the tenants in all the buildings.

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- 0904 PO Lim/K-9 radios to WTC Police Desk that he is en route to 1 WTC where there is a report of people trapped on the 13th floor.
- 0904 Detective Sgt. Zika asks WTC Police Desk where to access the building. The WTC Police Desk replies, "*Right off of West Street.*"
- 0904 2 WTC hit by second aircraft.
- 0904 Unidentified unit makes transmission of an explosion in 2 WTC.
- 0904 Sgt. DeVona confers with Director Morrone and Inspector Infante at the Fire Starters Desk.
- 0905 Sgt. Polland radios Captain Whitaker and states that second plane hit 2 WTC. Detective Sgt. Zika states he had a visual and it could've been a possible missile.
- 0907 Sgt. DeVona makes third request to WTC Police Desk for every available EMS unit to respond. Police Desk responds that people are trapped on the upper floors.
- 0908 Detective McHale radios WTC Police Desk that a second plane has hit.
- 0908 Detective McHale radios WTC Police Desk stating NYPD Detective of Bomb Squad says 2 WTC has been hit.
- 0908 Detective Sgt. Zika reports possible missile launch off of the Woolworth building and requests to have CPD contact NYPD to check the Woolworth building.
- 0909 Sgt. DeVona radios WTC Police Desk as per Director Fred Morrone, call CDP for a mobilization to call in all Officers from home and cancel RDO's.

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- 0910 Sgt. DeVona radios WTC Police Desk that the heliport will be the staging area for all responding police personnel.
- 0910 Captain Whitaker radios to Sgt. DeVona for his location Sgt. DeVona responds that he is at the Fire Starters Desk, 1 WTC.
- 0910 Detective McHale radios WTC Police Desk and reports that parts of the plane are at Vesey and Church Streets.
- 0911 WTC Police Desk reports to Sgt. DeVona that 100 people are trapped at the Windows on the World, 1 WTC 107th floor Sgt. DeVona acknowledges. (*During this time FDNY has readily been making an ascend up the B-Stairwell, and is aware of the situation*)
- 0911 Sgt. DeVona observes Director Morrone and Inspector Infante ascend Stairway-B, 1 WTC.
- 0911 PO Houston, PO Davis and PO Wholey are clear of the B-4 level. PO Houston asks, "Where do you need us?" WTC Police Desk responds the 90th and the 22nd floors.
- 0912 PO Lim/K-9 reports jet fuel burning on the 51st floor, 1 WTC.
- 0912 WTC Police Desk radios PO Lim/K-9 asking if that is the smell of jet fuel. PO Lim/K-9 replies, "That's burning jet fuel." WTC Police Desk radios to Ladder 10, did you copy last. No response given.
- 0912 PO Houston, PO Davis and PO Wholey advise Police Desk of trapped ABM workers on the B-4 level, as per a report from an ABM worker. The desk acknowledges.

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- 0913 Sgt. DeVona asks WTC Police Desk if there is any confirmation on missile launchers. The WTC Police Desk states there has been no confirmation.
- 0913 WTC Police Desk requests available units to respond to Windows on the World, situation deteriorating. Sgt. DeVona acknowledges. (During this time FDNY has readily been making an ascend up the B-Stairwell, and is aware of the situation)
- 0913 Sgt. DeVona radios PO Basic. No response given.
- 0914 PO Lim/K-9 asks WTC Police Desk for location of Triage. No response given.
- 0914 WTC Police Desk to Sgt. DeVona unknown party requesting supervisor at Fire Command Desk. Captain Whitaker responds that he is en route.
- 0915 WTC Police Desk radios Sgt. DeVona people at Windows on the World losing oxygen. Sgt. DeVona acknowledges. (During this time FDNY has readily been making an ascend up the B-Stairwell, and is aware of the situation)
- 0916 Sgt. DeVona radios to WTC Police Desk no elevators can be put in operation to meet the FDNY Battalion Chief's request.
- 0917 Sgt. DeVona contacts WTC Police Desk and states he has an EMS unit with him, inquires as to where they want him to respond.
- 0918 WTC Police Desk asks Sgt. DeVona as to the status of the evacuation; the situation is deteriorating at the Windows on the World, oxygen is depleting. Sgt. DeVona responds FDNY is responding. WTC Police Desk acknowledges.

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- 0919 Sgt. DeVona radios WTC Police Desk and requests entire Roll Call meet him at Fire Starters Desk, 1 WTC.
- 0919 PO Houston, PO Davis and PO Wholey report that all of PATH station is clear and (4) four PATH - ESU Officers remain there. Sgt. Kaulfers asks Sgt. DeVona if he needs assistance at 1 WTC on West Street. Sgt. DeVona acknowledges in the affirmative.
- 0920 Inspector Norris asks Sgt. DeVona what his location is. Sgt. DeVona responds that he is at the Fire Desk, 1 WTC. Inspector Norris and Chief Hall rendezvous at said desk.
- 0920 * Please note prior to this time and after it, PAPD personnel from other commands came through the West Street doors of 1 WTC and were sent by Sgt. DeVona to different areas within the complex on the Concourse level to effect evacuations.
- 0921 Sgt. DeVona asks WTC Police Desk for accountability check. WTC Police Desk is able to acknowledge PO Houston, PO Wholey, PO Davis, PO Iorio and PO Fitzpatrick.
- 0923 WTC Police Desk tries to contact PO Finnegan. No response given.
- 0923 Sgt. DeVona radios WTC Police Desk of actual confirmation that both buildings had been hit by aircraft. WTC Police responds that JFK has been notified.
- 0923 PO Davis radios Sgt. DeVona where he can rendezvous with him.
- 0924 PO Keane reports that FDNY requests the Plaza be cleared of personnel because of falling debris. PO Keane reports that people are coming down from the 64th floor. The WTC Police Desk asks what is her location. She responds that she is near the Plaza.
- 0924 PO Amoroso radios WTC Police Desk asking where the triage is set up.

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- 0925 Sgt. DeVona requests WTC Police Desk have all units respond to WTC Fire Starters Desk. Sgt. DeVona confers with Inspector Fields and Lt. Kassimatis about evacuation procedure.
- 0926 PO Finnegan requests location of EMS to assist victim with burns. WTC Police Desk asks what is his location.
- 0927 PO Finnegan radios WTC Police Desk asking where is the Triage located. The Desk states they will find out.
- 0928 PO Keane reports people evacuating from 1 WTC Stairway C on the 64th floor.
- 0928 WTC Police Desk advises Sgt. DeVona that triage is set up in 2 WTC.
- 0929 WTC Police Desk advises Sgt. DeVona people are trapped on the 87th and 89th floors of 2 WTC. (*During this time FDNY has readily been making an ascend up the B-Stairwell, and is aware of the situation*)
- 0932 WTC Police Desk asks Sgt. DeVona if units responding from other commands should respond to the desk. Sgt. DeVona states, "*Negative have all units respond to the Command Post on Barclay Street & West Broadway.*"
- 0932 PO Houston radios Police Desk, he has been informed, by the Mayor's OEM Desk, that another plane is headed in our area.
- 0933 PO Keane reporting from Stairway-C on the 66th floor, 1 WTC states that she heard another explosion.
- 0933 PO Keane and a Secret Service agent go up two (2) floors on a report of a woman down.

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- 0934 Chief Hall requests WTC Police Desk to call Inspector Infante's cellular telephone in an effort to contact Director Morrone.
- 0934 The Command Post states to send all people over the land bridge to the Financial Center and not out of the building down the concourse.
- 0934 PO Keane states that they were able to help the previous female aided.
- 0935 Sgt. DeVona radios Captain Whitaker as to the status of 2 WTC. Captain Whitaker responds that the elevators are out of service. Sgt. DeVona asks if FDNY are doing evacuations.
- 0935 WTC Police Desk radios Sgt. DeVona requesting him to 8-39 ASAP.
- 0936 Sgt. Polland reports people jumping out of windows.
- 0936 Sgt. DeVona radios WTC Police Desk that he can not make phone contact with them. The Police Desk responds that the female stuck in the elevator at 2 WTC has been rescued.
- 0936 Inspector Norris radios WTC Police Desk that OEM is relocating from the 1 WTC Lobby to the Financial Center.
- 0936 Unidentified unit radios that the stage on the Plaza is on fire.
- 0937 PO Houston asks the WTC Police Desk where is the Triage set up. The Police Desk responds at 2 WTC.

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- 0938 Lt. Stafford radios WTC Police Desk to inform CPD that the command post has been moved to the Financial Center.
- 0938 WTC Police Desk reports that the Triage Center is set up at 2 WTC, Chief Hall radios Captain Whitaker and informs him that the Triage has been set up at Victoria Secrets. Sgt. DeVona acknowledges.
- 0938 Sgt. DeVona asks WTC Police Desk for one (1) unit to stand by Triage. He then sends Sgt. Vargas to Victoria Secrets.
- 0939 WTC Police Desk radios PO Houston to call the desk.
- 0939 SIB Command radios WTC Police Desk asking where they should respond. WTC Police Desk tells them to respond to the WTC Police Desk. Sgt. DeVona redirects them to respond to the Command Post at the Financial Center, Vesey and West Street.
- 0940 Sgt. DeVona radios PO Davis. PO Davis responds he has evacuated the Concourse, 5 WTC. Sgt. DeVona asks if any of the units were issued Scott Air Packs, PO Davis states he's going to go to 4 WTC and 5 WTC for Scott Air Packs.
- 0940 WTC Police Desk advises Sgt. DeVona that Sgt. Vargas is at Bath & Body Works with Sgt. Duane.
- 0940 Sgt. Duane states that there was no Triage set up at that location.
- 0941 Chief Hall radios Captain Whitaker to meet him on the World Financial Center Crosswalk.

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- 0941 WTC Police Desk radios Sgt. DeVona stating that the World Financial Center is on the telephone asking where the Command Post is set up. Sgt. DeVona radios that the Command Post is set up on West & Vesey Streets by the World Financial Center and Lt. Stafford is en route to that location.
- 0942 WTC Police Desk asks Sgt. DeVona where should responding Police Units respond. Sgt. DeVona states to direct them to the Command Post on West & Vesey Streets.
- 0942 Sgt. Kaulfers radios Sgt. DeVona and states that he has a (6) six man ESU Team and is going to the 60th floor, 1 WTC.
- 0943 PO Keane reports that the stage on the Plaza is on fire.
- 0943 WTC Police Desk radios Sgt. DeVona stating that the Command Post can not get to the World Financial Center. Sgt. DeVona asks, "Why can't they?" The Police Desk replies, "It's an unknown condition." Chief Hall inquires, "Where is the Command Post set up?" WTC Police Desk responds, "There is an unknown condition on Vesey Street and West Street."
- 0944 Chief Hall radios Inspector Norris. No response given.
- 0944 WTC Police Desk radios Sgt. DeVona that CPD reports heavy traffic on West and Vesey Streets.
- 0945 Captain Whitaker radios WTC Police Desk for the location of Chief Hall. Chief Hall states he is at West and Vesey Streets.
- 0946 Inspector Norris radios WTC Police Desk asking where the Command Post is set up. The WTC Police Desk responds that the Command Post is set up at West and Vesey Streets.

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- 0946 Sgt. Kaulfers radios Sgt. DeVona and states that he has been redirected to 2 WTC. Sgt. DeVona acknowledges and states start at the top and work your way down. Sgt. Kaulfers acknowledges and states that he has a PATH and WTC radio.
- 0947 Lt. Stafford radios WTC Police Desk stating that CPD states that Chief Romito is in the process of canvassing 1 WTC. Lt. Stafford requests Command Post be made aware that they will be canvassing 2 WTC. Lt. Cirri radios that Chief Romito is with them and does Lt. Stafford have a message for him.
- 0947 Sgt. DeVona radios PO Davis. No response given.
- 0947 Lt. Cirri radios WTC Police Desk that he is with Chief Romito on the 18th floor, 1 WTC and that a second unit is entering 2 WTC.
- 0948 WTC Police Desk radios Lt. Stafford. No response given.
- 0948 Sgt. DeVona radios Lt. Stafford. No response given.
- 0948 Detective McHale radios WTC Police Desk asking where the Command Post is set up. The WTC Police Desk responds it is at West and Vesey Streets.
- 0950 WTC Police Desk radios Sgt. DeVona asking if the evacuation has started and that people are trapped on the upper floors. Sgt. DeVona responds to raise PO Davis on the air because he is with other Police Units getting Scott Air Packs and they are going to assist with the evacuation. The WTC Police Desk radios Sgt. DeVona that PO Basic reports, there are extra Scott Air Packs in his office. Sgt. DeVona requests that said Scott Air Packs be brought to the Fire Starters Desk, 1 WTC by PO Basic.

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- 0951 PO Lynch radios Sgt. DeVona twice. No response given.
- 0951 PO Lynch radios stating, "I'm trying to reach 8-1 DeVona."
- 0951 Sgt. DeVona acknowledges PO Lynch's transmission. PO Lynch states, "Al where do you want that equipment?" No response given.
- 0952 PO Davis radios WTC Police Desk stating that the Scott Air Packs have already been removed from 4 WTC & 5 WTC. Sgt. DeVona acknowledges.
- 0953 WTC Police Desk radios Sgt. DeVona. He acknowledges then no further transmissions are heard.

***Note: No further radio communications after this point.**

- 0958 Sgt. DeVona remains at the Fire Starters Desk, 1 WTC at that time he realizes 2 WTC is falling down he can see the thick cloud of black smoke and debris coming through the windows from the Plaza Level into 1 WTC. Sgt. DeVona then jumps under the Fire Starters Desk, 1 WTC for protection while wind and debris passed through with hurricane force leaving 1 WTC Lobby in total darkness. Sgt. DeVona uses his Sure-Fire flashlight to cut a beam through the darkness. At this time, two (2) people in that area see the light beam and make contact with Sgt. DeVona. One (1) person has an injury and is assisted in walking by Sgt. DeVona. Sgt. DeVona finds a wall and starts to follow it in hopes that it will lead them outside. After a short time he realizes that they have exited the building when he walks into a Fire truck on VIP Drive that he could not see due to the darkness.

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0958 They then walk North up West Street where Sgt. DeVona is met by EMS Personnel that take the aided from him. EMS then aids Sgt. DeVona in washing some of the debris off his face and out of his eyes.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Alan T. DeVona".

Alan T. DeVona
Police Patrol Sergeant
World Trade Center Command

Honig, Kenneth

From: Switaj, Dennis
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2001 11:56 AM
To: Honig, Kenneth
Subject: Information on Chief Romito

Lt.,

Frank DiMola called me this morning and asked if I could relay to you some information concerning Chief Romito and his activities on September 11. The best way I can do this is to detail my events that morning. So, here it goes.

For some reason, we ended up coming out of the stairwell on , I believe, the 22nd floor and into the corridor. I then noticed several Port Authority police officers at the center of the corridor. I went over and identified myself as a member of the Port Authority OEM and asked what I could do to help. Officer Rodriguez asked if I knew the building and where the command center was somewhere in the 60's. I told him that I knew the building well and that the center was on the 64th floor. He asked if I would be willing to take them up and I agreed. He then went over to Chief Romito and received permission for me, as a civilian, to accompany them. At this time we started back up the stairwell. We then met Frank DiMola who confirmed that the command center was in operable status and agreed to come with us. We then proceeded several floors when the whole building started shaking again. Chief Romito then ordered everyone out of the stairwell and into the corridor. After a very brief time, Chief Romito received a radio message for all emergency personnel to evacuate the building as quickly as possible. At this time, Chief Romito turned and ordered everyone to evacuate. As I was headed to the stairwell, I passed the Chief who was headed toward the center of the corridor. I'm sure he was going to inform the firefighters, who were resting on the floor from exhaustion, of the evacuation order. I then proceeded into the stairwell where I assisted a friend who was helping a woman down the stairs. We stopped every couple of floors and requested oxygen for her from the rescue workers. People passed us on the stairwell but I did not see Chief Romito on the way down. When we got to the lobby the only police officer I saw that was with us in the 20's was Sharon Miller. I also saw Sharon later that morning on West St. ●

I hope this helps you. Should you need anything else please call me on 908-872-7142 (PA cell phone) or at my home

Dennis Switaj
Financial Services Department

September 11, 2001

On September 11, 2001, at approximately 0850 hours PO John O'Donnell entered my office at PATH to inform me that "something happened" at the WTC. Building One is on fire- he was not sure if there was a bomb or if a plane hit the building. I immediately got up, grabbed my hat and started to exit my office when the phone rang. It was Chief Romito. He wanted to know what was going on at the Trade Center. I told him that I didn't know but that I was enroute there now. He told him that he would see me over there. I told him I would meet him at the Command Center in the Lobby of Building One. We never did meet.

As I was exiting the PATH Police Desk I saw a cop whom I didn't know. He was PO Anthony Croce. He told me it was his first day OJT at PATH. I threw him my car keys and told him to drive me as fast as he could to the World Trade Center. The Holland Tunnel had been closed off. We got to the WTC within minutes.

As we were driving down West Broadway towards the World Trade Center I could see that Building #1 was on fire with heavy smoke emanating from the upper floors. As we drove up to the Vesey St. entrance, I saw Director Morrone and Tony Infante on the Vesey St sidewalk about to enter the building. I believe I saw Chief Hall in a vehicle on Vesey St. I exited my car. Director Morrone and Tony Infante acknowledged me and they went inside.

I entered the World Trade Center from Vesey St. and proceeded to Building #1. People were exiting the building onto the main concourse in an orderly fashion. Despite the fact that the sprinklers were spraying water by the revolving doors, people did not seem to panic nor were they running. They were walking fast toward the 8th Ave subway. I stayed a few minutes on the concourse directing people who were exiting the building. As more officers arrived, I stationed them so that they could assist these people. It was at this time that I saw Ernesto Butcher exit Tower 1 and walk down the concourse toward Building 5.

I then proceeded to the Command and Control Center in the Lobby of Building #1. My intention was to coordinate with the Fire Department in order to set up a command center. There were numerous fire chiefs and firefighters in the lobby. This was very chaotic place, as the fire chiefs were attempting, via radio, to get information regarding the fire in Tower 1.

Over the next few minutes in the Lobby of Tower 1, I met Chief Hall, Inspector Fields, Lieutenant Kassimatis, Sgt. Devona, Capt. Whitaker, PO Bulger, PO Foreman, PO McNeil, and PO Webb. Doug Kopaloff, Gene Raggio, Ken Grousalis, Joe Amatucci and John O'Neil (FBI-Silverstein) were also there at the Fire Command console. I think I also saw Sgt. Bob Vargas.

While talking to Chief Hall, a NYC Fire Chief came up to me and informed me that the Command and Control Desk inside the Lobby of Tower One was in an unsafe location. He stated that his firefighters were up inside Tower One and had informed him that the fire was raging out of control. He further stated that he feared the express elevators might come crashing down thereby destroying anything in the Lobby of Building 1 including the Command and Control Center. He suggested that we move the Command Center over to the Financial Center. I told him that I needed to go over to the Financial Center to ascertain the feasibility of locating the Command Center outside of the World Trade Center. It was around this time that I heard and felt the second plane hitting Tower 2.

As I walked over to the Financial Center via the North Bridge I could see numerous individuals jumping from the Towers. I also saw a lot of debris falling from the Towers. There were many fire apparatus on West Street. I entered the Financial Center and quickly determined that locating to that location would be unsuitable for us. I proceeded back to the Lobby of Tower 1 and informed the Asst. Chief that I would not locate my men in the Financial Center but instead would re-locate to the Police Desk in Building 5 where I had access to better communications. He informed me that he was going to locate to the Financial Center. I then directed some Port Authority officers (names unknown) to the Police Desk. I directed PO's Webb, McNeil, and Foreman to the Police Desk. They stated that they were with Capt. Whitaker and would be along shortly. I informed Doug Karpoloff and Gene Raggio of the Fire Department's assessment of the Command Center's location and how unsafe it was. Doug Karpoloff resisted leaving the area stating to me that all the communication equipment that was needed was there at the console. I told him that I was going up to the Police Desk and that I wanted him to relocate up to the Desk. He stated that he would be along when he could, however, I got the impression that he had no intention of leaving the area.

When I left the Lobby of Tower 1 there were still many firefighters and fire chiefs in the Lobby.

I, along with (I think) PO Bulger, went to the Police Desk in Building #5. At the Police Desk were PO's Murray and Brady both answering telephones. Also at the Desk were Dets. Paugh, Nafey, PO Steve Magget, WTC Manager Allan Reiss, and I think PO Solivan. There were other Police Officers there as well. Everyone was diligently working attempting to coordinate a response to the crisis.

Suddenly Tower # 2 fell. Myself, PO Brady and PO Murray dove underneath the Police Desk for shelter. Lights went out. The Desk area filled with dust. Some ceiling tiles fell out. The Desk area however was pretty intact. We weren't sure what had happened. I thought it was a bomb or a partial collapse of Building 5. I guess I thought this since I couldn't comprehend that one of the Towers had collapsed.

Everyone at the Desk, maybe 8-10 officers, fled toward the rear of the station but could not exit. Det. Paugh then led us toward the front of the Police Desk where we exited. The area was littered with debris, all lights were out and the air was filled with dust. You could barely see, yet there were many people covered with dust who were looking for a way out. One of the officers had a flashlight and announced for everyone to come to the light so we could go out as a group. It is unknown how many people were there. We stumbled down the steps in front of the Police Desk since there was much debris in our way from the fallen ceiling and walls. The group exited through Borders Books out onto Church St. An African-American lady covered in dust was holding onto my arm the entire time pleading with me to take her to safety. Her eyes were closed. We exited onto Church St and crossed the street to safety. Once across the street the air was a little clearer and you could actually see. The group dispersed.

Alone, I decided that I had to go back into the building to search for survivors. I approached the Trade Center by the Vesey St entrance and met Nelson Chanfrau. We entered the Trade Center but quickly determined that it was too dark and dusty to see. We exited and went over to a New York City Police Emergency Services truck, went inside and found two large (1/4 mile light) flashlights. We took the lights and proceeded inside the Trade Center by PATH Square. Chaos reigned.

The first thing that hit my senses was the quietness of it all. It was surreal. Then as we panned our flashlights about, we observed the devastation that had taken place. Storefront glass was all shattered and blown out. Ceilings had fallen down. The floor was littered with debris of all types and sizes. There were also some other emergency units with flashlights attempting to find survivors. The flashlights looked like beacons in the dark and dust. I began yelling in the dark to see if there were any survivors but I received no response. As Nelson Chanfrau and I walked we saw no bodies by PATH Square. I think other units might already been in that area. I had been yelling but there was still no response. I proceeded to walk down a corridor towards Building #4 when the corridor suddenly stopped due to a complete structural cave in. There was also a large fire in the area from what seemed like a broken gas line. I was just about turn around and leave the area when my flashlight illuminated a bloody arm waving from underneath a debris pile. I quickly went over and proceeded to uncover an individual who was buried. Two or three firefighters and a FBI agent began to assist me. Nelson kept the area lighted with his flashlight and lit the way for us as we carried this injured person out onto Vesey St. The man was semi-conscious and heavy and it seemed like an eternity before we emerged in the light and fresh air of Vesey St. We placed him down on the sidewalk in order to catch our breath.

Just at this time, another firefighter began to yell to us from across the street. He was looking up at the Towers and yelled for us to hurry up since he thought the second Tower was about to fall. The two firefighters and myself again picked up the injured man and managed to walk three or four steps when we felt extreme vibration and an incredible noise "like a thousand freight trains". I knew instantly that the Tower was falling down.

We were exposed on the street. I managed to dive under the NYC Police Emergency truck that earlier we had taken the flashlights from. Debris began to rain down onto the truck and I feared that I would be buried under it. The air was so filled with dust that I covered my mouth and nose with my tie as I said prayers that I would be spared. After a short period of time I emerged from underneath the truck into pitch-black darkness barely breathing. My eyes were filled with dust. I was in extreme fear for my life. I couldn't see and I was afraid that more buildings would collapse. With my eyes closed, I felt my way across the street to the wall of the US Post Office. Debris and burning cars littered the street and I fell more than once attempting to cross the street. When I reached the Post Office I blindly felt my way "hand over hand" on the wall up to Church Street and then northbound.

Two or three blocks up on Church Street a janitor pulled me inside a building. He washed my eyes with water and gave me some water to drink. He then told me it was unsafe to exit back onto Church St. and led me through a truck dock, which allowed me to exit onto a side street. The cars on this side street were on fire. I proceeded northbound and found out via radio (which I still had) that a temporary command site would be established at Manhattan Community College. It was there that I teamed up with Chief Hall, Lt. Jim O'Neil, Insp. Fields, then Insp. Morris, Insp. Ceccarelli, Capt. Albin and numerous other units.

I never did find out what had happened to the individual that we were carrying, nor the firefighters that were assisting me. Nelson Chanfrau escaped by hiding behind a fire truck. He did, however, suffer injuries. I suffered no disabling injuries.

For the remainder of the 11th I stayed at Manhattan Community College where we established a Command Center and began to coordinate a response for rescue into the World Trade Center site.



Timothy I. Norris
Inspector/Commander
Western Consolidated Police Zone

Honig, Kenneth

From: DiMola, Francis
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2001 12:35 PM
To: Honig, Kenneth
Subject: RE: CHIEF JIM ROMITO

On September 11 around 0930 - 0945 I was descending a stairwell from the 65th Floor when I met Capt Kathy Mazza and Chief Romito (along with numerous ESU officers and firefighters) on approximately the 25th Floor. I spoke with Chief Romito, Captain Mazza and Officer Sharon Miller for several minutes and I was informed by Dennis Switaj (PA Financial Services) that they were enroute to the 64th Floor to establish the command post. I offered my assistance and joined them. At this time a number of firefighters were staging in the corridor areas on these floors. As the police continued up the stairs, Jim had officers check to see that each of the floor were vacated by office workers. Shortly after, the building shook and Chief Romito instructed everyone to stand in the corridor on one of the floors (I believe it was the 27th or 28th Floor). Chief Romito reported that "2 is down". I asked him if he meant "Building 2" and he replied yes. He immediately instructed everyone (including firefighters and Police) to evacuate via the stairwell. It should be noted that at this point the stairwell lights were out and the evacuation was being led by police and firefighters with flashlights. When I turned to Chief Romito, I watched him walk from the stairwell and into the corridor shouting instructions to the firefighters to evacuate. That was the last time that I saw Chief Romito. My recollection of Captain Mazza was that she was in the area with Chief Romito prior to Building 2 collapsing and I don't recall seeing her thereafter.

I later exited Building 1 through a broken plate glass window onto West Street and met with Officer Miller. Shortly after (approximately 10 to 15 minutes) Building 1 collapsed.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NY & NJ

Memorandum



TO: Joseph Morris, Chief of Department
FROM: William R. Hall
DATE: November 2, 2001
SUBJECT: ACTIONS – SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

COPY TO: File

On Tuesday, September 11, 2001, at approximately 0850 hours, I responded to the World Trade Center with Director Fred Morrone. As we approached Vesey Street from West Broadway, debris began to hit the street and our car. The Director exited the vehicle, and I repositioned the car about 20 feet under a pedestrian overpass.

The Director, about 50 yards ahead of me, entered the World Trade Center on Vesey Street but, when I entered the doors, he was not in sight. I went to the Police Desk, Lobby of Building One, Lobby of Building Two, back to One World Trade Center, and could not locate him.

While in the Lobby of One WTC, I assisted in evacuating people out of Tower One and the Marriott. During this time, I was approached by a NYFD Chief asking my assistance with information about the building and then in clearing the Lobby as soon as possible. He stated "These elevators are about to fall and we'll all get killed".

Together, along with others, we moved people out of the Lobby and up and over the Pedestrian Crosswalk to the Financial Complex. We were unable to move people out the West Street doors as debris and people jumping began to hit the ground at a fast rate.

Once over and down in the street, we began to move people north, away from the Trade Center.

While in the street, I met up with a dozen or so people to include Jeff Green and Rabbi Heschel. As I began to lead the group east on Vesey Street to move away from the Complex, we heard and saw an enormous amount of debris falling on top of us.

I herded the group into an open truck dock door and up onto a platform and behind a short (in length) wall. I was not able to get protection behind the wall, but was able to push the group into the area.

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The debris hit the ground burying access to the dock. The darkness, smoke and floating debris particles were choking all those in the garage as we tried to get out. With Green and the Rabbi in tow, I located an opening in the debris pile and managed to get us to safety.

Once making our way to our command bus (about 30-40 minutes later), I, with other PAPD supervisors at the scene, moved our personnel to a courtyard between a number of buildings about six blocks north of the World Trade Center where we began re-couping and taking inventory of personnel.

Meeting up with Ernesto Butcher and other P.A. staff in the street, I advised them to go to the PATC or JSTC for a base of operations.

In the area of 1800-2000 hours, I returned to Police Headquarters and briefed Mike Scott.



William R. Hall

Chief

Surface Transportation Section

WRH:mc

THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NY & NJ



To: Lt. E. Gutch
From: Sgt. M. Duane
Date: January 28, 2002
Subject: WTC Disaster 9/11/01

On September 11, 2001, I was the PATH New York patrol sergeant during the 6x2 tour. When the first plane struck One WTC I was on the PATH concourse with P.O. W. Stuart. Although P.O. Stuart and I did not feel the impact of the plane, we heard the fire alarms activated in Akbars Restaurant behind us. As we took a few steps to investigate the alarms, we saw WTC P.O.s Finnegan, Fitzpatrick and Amoroso exiting the PATH E-room running toward the escalators. I inquired about the nature of their call and one officer stated they had a report of an explosion in One WTC. P.O. Stuart and I proceeded up the escalators with the WTC officers.

As I got off the escalator at PATH Square I encountered Captain Whitaker. As I spoke briefly with Capt. Whitaker, all of the officers I was with continued toward Tower 1. Capt. Whitaker stated there was a report of an explosion in Tower 1 and that he was going into the Tower to investigate. He directed me to stay at PATH Square in order to stop any civilians from entering the Tower areas.

A short while later, I spoke with a representative of the NYC OEM office who advised me that an aircraft had struck Tower 1. I radioed the PATH desk to shut down the train service into the WTC due to the nature of the emergency. I also instructed a NYPD officer who was at the entrance to the 1&9 subway to notify his desk to shut down the subway service into the WTC.

At my location, a few Summit Security officers approached me and volunteered their services. I asked them to block the entrance to PATH and to go down to the PATH concourse and evacuate anyone on that level. During this time numerous PAPD, FDNY and NYPD officers entered PATH Square. I directed them to the Fire Command Station inside the lobby of Tower 1 where WTC Sgt. Devona was located. I also encountered Inspector Norris who gave me a WTC radio in order to communicate with their desk.

As the people escaping the Towers arrived at my location they were all directed to exit the Vesey Street doors and walk north. During this evacuation process at PATH Square I was assisted by police officers Joe Szczepanski, Ed Finnegan and Shawn Fitzpatrick. As thousands of people left the towers I observed and assisted numerous injuries; I requested the WTC desk to have EMS set up at Church and Vesey Streets for medical care. During the time leading up to the collapse of Tower 2 the injured were led outside by PAPD, NYPD, FDNY and EMS personnel, as well as civilians.

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When Tower 2 collapsed I was standing behind the PATH escalators adjacent to the Gap Store. In my immediate area was P.O.s Finnegan, Fitzpatrick and Szczepanski. I thought a bomb had exploded due to the thunderous noise and ferocious winds that were generated. When the noise and wind stopped there was complete darkness and silence. I realized I had been knocked onto the floor and could only see what appeared to be smoke. Seconds later, I saw a light from a flashlight and told the person with the light to stay where they were. I identified myself and told the person with the flashlight I knew where the exit was located. A woman handed me the flashlight; alongside her was a male who identified himself as a Summit Security officer. In the immediate area was a group of 6-7 individuals. I instructed everyone to hold each other's hand and we would exit the building shortly. I slowly headed toward the direction of the Vesey Street doors which I thought to be the closest exit to where we were located. Approximately 8-10 minutes later my group and I exited the Church Street doors. We did not exit out the doors which I had intended either because they were blocked or I was moved by the force of the winds or both.

When I was street side I was directed by EMS personnel to walk up Fulton Street eastbound. At Fulton and Broadway I was assisted by Detective J. Wheeler and Detective J. Fitzgerald. They brought me into a deli and had me rinse my eyes and mouth with water. They then directed me to walk north in order to breathe better quality air.

On Broadway and Vesey St. I met a woman who was yelling that she could not see. I identified myself and started to walk north with her when I saw a MTA bus making a u-turn in front of me. I stopped the bus, put the woman on it and instructed other civilians in the area to board. I directed the bus driver to head north away from the WTC area.

As I continued to walk north I was stopped by a female doctor who took my vital signs. She said I needed medical attention and instructed two NYPD officers to take me to a triage center. I was eventually transported to Beth Israel Hospital where I was monitored for high blood pressure. At approximately 1500 hours I was released from the hospital and returned back to the PATH command.

M. Duane
2/27/02

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
HAND-WRITTEN MEMORANDUM

To: Inspector T. Norris

From: Sgt. Pedro Batista #243

Date: 01/04/02

Subject: September 11, 2001

On Sept. 11, 2001 I reported to work at 0800hrs at the P.A.T.C. At approx. 0850 hrs I was informed by Chief Ronito to secure a marked vehicle to provide him with an escort to the WTC that an airplane had crashed into TOWER 1.

I secured the keys to DWI veh. 5144 and my camera, and responded towards the elevator where Director Morrone, Chief Ronito, Chief Hall and Inspector Infante were waiting. We exited the building and they got into Chief Hall's unmarked vehicle, and I got into veh. 5144. Vehicle 5144 did not start, the battery was dead. The others left without my escort. The mechanics from the Autoshop were outside watching the building burn, they quickly jump started my vehicle and I picked-up Mario Petruziello who was standing-by and we headed towards the WTC. Upon arrival at the WTC we could not find the others so we proceeded to escort people out of the building and away from the scene. A few minutes later the second plane crashed into Tower 2, Mario and I ran for cover from the falling debris. As a result Mario & I got separated. I then continued to move people away from the WTC.

Signature Sgt. Pedro Batista #243

Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
HAND-WRITTEN MEMORANDUM

To: Inspector T. Norris

From: Sgt Pedro Batista

Date: 09/10/02

Subject: September 11, 2001

After escorting civilians and turning away reporters from the buildings, I walked into building 5 Police Desk. Upon entering the Police desk area I encountered several Officers behind the desk area. Two of which were Det. Richard Pugh and Inspector T. Norris. A few seconds later we heard a deafening rumble sound getting louder and louder and the ground shaking. All the lights in the building went out, numerous people in the hallway were screaming. We gathered all the people in the hallway and looked for an escape route. The only available escape route was through Borders Book Store. As we exited the building, outside was pitch black, I continued to walk away from the WTC, towards the light. In my travel I encountered P.O. Robert Greff and teamed-up with him, we walked into P.O. James Hall who had difficulty seeing and assisted same, we also encountered SGT. Kruger and P.O. Beatty both of which were in need of assistance and we assisted them. Later on Tower 1 collapsed and we ran for cover. Subsequently we responded to the Mobile Command Post on West st. and assisted there. For the next several days following the collapse I worked at Ground Zero.

Signature Sgt Pedro Batista #143

I have read and am familiar with this report

Inspector T. Norris

SUPERVISOR - SUPERIOR

THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NY & NJ

Memorandum



TO: Edward Gutch
FROM: William Ross
DATE: March 6, 2002
SUBJECT: World Trade Center Disaster

REF: Events: September 11, 2001

COPY TO: C. Trucillo, Personal File.

This Memorandum will document the events and actions during the attack/disaster at the World Trade Center.

On the morning of September 11, 2001, I was On Duty at the Port Authority Bus Terminal, working the 6x2 tour. My assignment that day was Alpha Sergeant.

At approximately 0845, I, Officers Patrick McNerney and Jose Sanchez, were on routine patrol at the corner of 42nd street and 8th Avenue. As I was looking east on 42nd Street, I observed a commercial passenger jet flying over at an extremely low altitude, and heading south. I lost sight of the aircraft for few seconds when it flew behind some buildings. I immediately realized that an aircraft of that size would never be given clearance to fly that low over a populated area. My first thought was that the aircraft was in distress. I thought that the pilot was attempting to make an emergency landing in the harbor off lower Manhattan. From the corner on 42nd Street, where we were standing, looking east there is an unobstructed view of the top of the Empire State Building. We again spotted the aircraft for few seconds. It was just east of the Empire State Building and, to my best estimation, no higher than 500' above it.

During this time, I looked for signs of distress. I was trying to observe the plane, as closely as I could for smoke, fire or any type of vapor trail. There was none. The landing gear was up and the doors that house the gear closed. The plane, was, as I stated, traveling south and was moving at a high rate of speed. It was flying level and straight. The pilot did not appear to be fighting to maintain control of the aircraft.

Officers McNerney, Sanchez and I began to comment on the plane. I said that if the plane was to crash I hoped the aircraft would make it to the harbor and not hit the Trade Center or The City. Several moments passed, we were listening for the sound of a crash and

heard nothing. At approximately 0855, Sergeant Peter Schillizzi the Desk Sergeant, broadcast a message over the radio for me, the Patrol Sergeant, Tour Commander and all Officers to return immediately to the Police Desk. At this time, I stated to Officer McNerney " That plane hit the Trade Center!" and started back to Quarters.

Moments later when I arrived at the Police Desk, Sgt. Schillizzi informed me that an aircraft did hit the Trade Center. Arrangements had already been made with a bus company for our transportation to the scene. Inspector Fields was at the Desk along with Lieutenant John Murphy, the Tour Commander and Lieutenant Edward Shannon. I informed them of my observations of the aircraft size and the time I saw it. I felt it important that everyone was advised of the magnitude of the disaster. It was decided, that all supervisors and officers, with the exception of Lt. Shannon, Sgt. Schillizzi and 5 officers who would remain and cover the Terminal, respond to the scene of the disaster.

When police officers responded back to the desk they were instructed to proceed to 9th Avenue where the bus was waiting. We departed the Bus Terminal around 0910. I made notations on the roll call of who was on the bus and who was riding in the suburban. While enroute to the scene everyone was advised to remain calm and not to panic. The officers were also instructed that we were all to stay together and no one was to leave the group for any reason, without permission.

We arrived at the scene at approximately 0930. Our initial location was on West Broadway and Barclay Street. I made the following observations: There was huge hole in the north side of the north tower. The upper floors had a very heavy smoke condition with visible fire in certain areas. The people on upper floors, that were trapped, had broken the windows, in an attempt to gain fresh air. Numerous people were falling or jumping to their deaths. I noticed a small fire on the north side of the south tower. The fire was about three quarters of the way up on the left side. At this point, we were unaware that a second plane had flown into the south tower.

I, Sgt. Kevin Feeley and Lt. Murphy began to discuss a course of action. I said that I did not feel that it would be a good idea to enter the building without Scott Air Paks, due to the heavy smoke condition. My feeling was, that since the elevators could not be used, the evacuation work would take place in the stairwells. I did not want the officers to go in there in and attempt to affect a rescue and become trapped. While we were talking, I believe Inspector Fields stated that a Sergeant and four officers were needed to volunteer to go into the building. These officers would be issued Scott Paks and other firefighting equipment from the World Trade Center Command Emergency Locker. Sgt. John Mc Loughlin stated he would take the officers into the building. Sgt. Mc Loughlin had worked there as a police officer, prior to promotion, and knew the building very well. I turned to the officers and requested volunteers. Police Officers J.D. Levi, Antonio Rodriguez, Dominic Pezzulo and Will Jimeno stepped forward. It should be noted that there were many more volunteers, and all of the officers wanted to help in some way with the evacuation process. I marked the mentioned officers names on my Roll Call and they left with Sgt. McLoughlin.

The smoke and fire condition increased in the short time we were there. We now were aware that the second plane had struck the south tower and we could see the smoke and fire from that crash. The upper portion of the south tower appeared to have a slight tilt to my left. As I was speaking with Lieutenant Murphy, Sergeant Anthony Parlato came up and we started to discuss the possibility that the Towers could come down.

By this time we had received information about what was happening in other parts of the country. We were told about the plane that crashed into the Pentagon. Also, we were informed that possibly two other aircraft had been hijacked and were unaccounted for. It was reported that one of the planes might be heading toward the Trade Center. When informed of these reports, Lieutenant Murphy made a decision, that saved my life and those of all the officers that were assigned to us. He stated that we would not enter the building until we were sure that the other planes were accounted for and a third plane was not headed for the Trade Center.

We then decided that we would all move to a safer position on the corner of West and Vesey Streets. The time was approximately 0945. Here, we would await additional officers, firefighting equipment and information about the third plane. All officers were accounted for before we left. Everyone was again advised to remain calm, and we were not going to rush into any situation that would place them in jeopardy.

As we walked to West and Vesey Streets the smoke was very heavy and getting lower by the minute. Any attempt to enter the building without proper equipment, I realized, would be futile and place the officers in harms way. Sergeant Feeley and Lieutenant Murphy agreed. I still observed people falling from the upper levels. There were bits of glass and other debris coming down at an increasing rate. It was then I heard a tremendous roar and saw a huge piece of the building façade come crashing down on VIP Drive where F.D.N.Y. was staging. A huge cloud of heavy black smoke was coming right at us. An officer shouted to me that the men in that area were trapped. I ordered the officer to retreat to a safer location without delay. Lieutenant Murphy was around the corner with the rest of the officers. I advised him that the building was "coming down". He asked me "how do you know?" I stated my observation of the building façade falling down. He then instructed that I account for everyone and we all proceeded to move further back. This occurred at 1000 hrs.

We relocated to a location further from the Towers and assisted anyone who needed help or direction. I told the officers to stay calm because people would take their cue from us. We assisted with the evacuation of an apartment house. The smoke was very heavy in the area and all of us were covered with a white dust that filled the air. There was pandemonium. People were heading north and toward a park along the Hudson River. Sgt. Feeley and I were keeping the officers together in a group as best we could and trying to direct the public to walk quickly away in an orderly fashion.

We were now along the edge of the river. This area is the south side of the boat basin directly in front of Manhattan College. We were moving toward West Street. People stopped in front of the school located on the corner. There was a disagreement going on between school administrators and the students' parents. I was trying to make my way through the crowd, to intercede, when we heard another loud crashing sound. This was the second tower coming down. At this point, I was right next to Lt. Murphy. There were hundreds of people in front of us and behind us. The only way of escape, as a last resort, in case of heavy debris falling, was to go over the railing and into the River. I tried to keep track of everyone as best I could. We were on West Street at this time and kept telling everyone to head up the street in an orderly manner.

On the corners of West Street and Moore we formed a meeting place. I informed all officers, over the radio, to respond to this location. It was on this corner that we encountered Mr. Ernesto Butcher from the Port Authority Executive Staff. He was visibly shaken, upset and covered with debris. I inquired if there was anything that we could do for him. He replied that he would like an officer assigned to him. He felt if an officer escorted him it would enable him to move past police lines that were being set up. I assigned P.O. Joaquin Portes to escort him. I informed Lt. Murphy of this action and he approved. Meanwhile, the officers were forming up on the corner and everyone was accounted for.

On the corner, an officer from F.D.N.Y. stated that, there was a possibility of secondary explosions. These would be caused by ruptured gas mains. We were advised to move further north up West Street. We moved further up West Street trying to escape the smoke and dust that was now everywhere. On the corner of Canal and Washington Streets we finally stopped. The manager of a cleaning company allowed us to use his restroom facilities. Attempts to make contact with the command via radio transmission were futile. Those of us with "Cell Phones" tried to place calls but all the lines were busy. I requested to use the phone, in the office of the cleaning company, and was able to contact my wife. She was watching the news and was able to give me an idea of what had happened in Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania. I found out, also, that all of the aircraft in the air had been accounted for and the Federal Aviation Administration ordered all of the airports closed. This information was written down and relayed to Lieutenant Murphy, Sergeant's Feeley and Parlato.

A short time later, we were told that our Command Post was being set up at the Manhattan College gymnasium. We then returned to that location.

When we arrived at the college, I responded to the Command Post and gave the names of all the supervisors and officers that were now at this location. I told the officer that everyone from the Bus Terminal was accounted for with the exception of Sgt. McLoughlin and Police Officers Levi, Jimeno, Pezzullo and Rodriguez. Along with that, I told them the last time and location that I saw them.

At this point Lieutenant Murphy instructed me and Sgt. Feeley to keep the officers at the command Post and await further orders.

As the afternoon wore on, we remained on stand-by and learned more about the number of missing officers. While still at the Command Post we watched as 7 World Trade Center came down at around 1720. Everyone was concerned and worried about the officers that were unaccounted for. We were on stand-by at the Command Post until approximately 1830 when we instructed to return to the Bus Terminal.

The events recounted are to the best of my recollection. Every one of us has our own time frame and different view of what happened that day. It is my hope that this report will assist in answering those lingering questions. I would like to add some personal comments at this point. Looking back, I never realized, when I saw that plane fly over 42nd Street the disaster that was about to befall our Department and our Country. Every member of this Department, who was at the scene, responded to his or her Command to cover a Post and help in any way that they could, deserves recognition. Especially, of course those who gave their lives or were seriously injured saving others. We all lost people that were very special to us, close friends that we worked and shared our lives with. In the weeks that followed, we all worked together in the same fashion that we do whenever called upon. We could never have foreseen this tragic event or loss of life. However, in spite of the loss and grief we regrouped, moved forward and kept the Department running.

Finally, I would like to state, that I am very proud, as always, to have served with this Department on that day. We all worked with Pride, Service and Distinction.

Respectfully submitted,



William B. Ross

Police Sergeant

Port Authority Police Department

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THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NY & NJ

Memorandum



TO: Joseph Morris
FROM: William J. Zika
DATE: March 09, 2002
SUBJECT: **RESPONSE TO TERRORIST ATTACK – SEPTEMBER 11, 2001**
REF: AMOF #64-01 Terrorist Attack-September 11, 2001

COPY TO: file

I received a phone call from Port Authority Detective Frank Crimarco assigned to the NY JTTF on the morning of September 11, 2001. He stated that a plane had struck one of the WTC Towers. I immediately notified Detective Lieutenant Michael Podolak who was in his office, and I instructed Detectives Michael DeMello, Dave Rodgers, and Ronnie Mendenhall, who were on duty at the PATC, to respond to the WTC.

As I exited the PATC with D/Lt Mike Podolak, we observed heavy smoke emanating from the top one-third of the north tower. We also observed Chief Romito in the lobby of the PATC prior to his responding there.

D/Lt Podolak and I drove over in his car. As we were heading south on West Broadway, we observed a large fireball erupt near the top of the south tower. It was later learned that this was the second plane hitting the south side of the south tower. As we exited the car near the Barclay St. intersection, Det's Mendenhall and DeMello, who were already there, advised me that someone reported to them that a missile had been fired into the WTC from the top of the Woolworth building. I notified CPD via radio and instructed both detectives to check out the roof of the Woolworth building. I also observed Inspector Lawrence Fields, and Lt John Kassimatis at this location.

We started to have additional PA detectives from the PABT arrive at our location. (West Broadway and Barclay) They were D/Sgt Robert Zachowski, and Det's Elizabeth Danese, Warren Davis, and Al Gachett. NYPD Traffic officers were asking for assistance in the form of tow trucks to move some of the vehicles that had to be moved. I called CPD via radio and had them relay this request to the HT and LT for wreckers to respond.

During this time, Det's Rodgers, Davis, Gachett, and Danese were interviewing witnesses and assisting injured people walking away from the WTC complex. D/Lt Podolak stated to me that he and D/Sgt Zachowski were going to respond to the FBI building at 26 Federal Plaza to assist in setting up a command center. He gave me the keys to his car and departed. While still at West Broadway and

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Barclay, we did see numerous people fall or jump from the upper floors of the west side of the north tower. I advised CPD via radio of what we observed. I heard over the radio that other detective units were responding and that the command bus was at the intersection on West and Vesey St. I directed all detectives at my location and those responding into the WTC complex to respond to the command bus at West and Vesey St. Once there we could account for all of our personnel and assign tasks. At this time I moved D/Lt Podolak's car and parked it on Vesey St., just west of West St.

After arriving at the command bus, I met up with D/Sgt's Leather and Perdomo. We started to create a list of detective personnel who were at the scene. Detectives Will Barriere, Richard Sheehan, and St. Clair Jeffers were also with us. We heard a loud rumble/roar and saw a large mushroom type cloud moving toward us coming from the WTC complex. I instructed all personnel to get behind the command bus and use it for cover. It became rapidly apparent that this was not a viable solution. Most personnel there did run north along West St. and look for better cover to get out of the cloud of debris, which was making it difficult to see and breathe. I entered the command bus and saw that the driver's window was open and the cloud was entering the bus. I saw (at the time) Insp. Joseph Morris, PO's Tom Kennedy, Frank Accardi, NYPD Chief Alee, and other unidentified personnel who were covered in debris enter the bus. I instructed them to go to the rear of the bus, and close the sliding door to keep some of the bus in a tenable condition. While at the driver's window, trying to close it, I heard screams for help. Voices screaming, "Help, I can't breathe". I yelled out to them to come to my voice. After a few moments I saw hands reaching into the window. I pulled an unknown number of people who were covered with debris into the bus through the window. PO Kennedy assisted them to the rear of the bus. After calling out and not hearing any further calls for help, I instructed PO Tom Kennedy to find something to cover the window with. He was able to find a piece of cardboard. I held it against the window and told PO Kennedy to find some duct tape or something similar to seal the window. After sealing the driver's window and all other openings, we checked on the condition of all persons in the bus. I found and set up an oxygen bottle to assist people with breathing easier.

After hearing over the air that the south tower had collapsed, it became evident that the north tower might do the same. I discussed with PO's Kennedy and Accardi about moving the bus further north to a safer location. As soon as it was evident that we could see and breathe outside the bus, I exited and started clearing a path for the bus to move north along West St.

A second rumble/roar was heard and a second cloud was observed. This was a much louder sound and a larger cloud, as it was the north tower that was now collapsing, which was much closer to us.

I was approximately 1 block north of the bus clearing a path when this occurred. All emergency personnel that I observed walking south on West St., did turn around and run north on West St. when the north tower collapsed. I observed

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firefighters in full gear running into each other and knocking people to the ground. I stopped to help someone who got knocked down and was knocked down myself. At this point the cloud was upon us. I was unable to see clearly and it was difficult to breathe. I helped the firefighter up and felt my way around until I found a vehicle that was open. Three others and myself climbed into a fire department vehicle (Chief's car). Because all of the vehicles doors were opened, a lot of the cloud/debris did enter the vehicle. One of the firefighters had an oxygen bottle with him. We proceeded to take turns and breathe from this bottle until the cloud settled and we could exit the vehicle.

Upon exiting the vehicle, I went further north on West St. until I met some of our officers. I saw Det's Mike Shuhala, Ron Nafey, and Elizabeth Danese. We regrouped at a school on West St., and again started a list of detectives that were present. I found out that detective Capozzoli was transported to a hospital with unknown injuries. Detective Nafey was observed sitting down and having difficulty breathing. I instructed detective Danese to get some water from a hydrant to cool detective Nafey off, and I stopped an EMS worker to evaluate him. The only person I was unable to account for at that time was detective Rodgers.

I kept receiving notifications via radio from CPD that another plane was still in the area. We also received a report of gas leaks in the area and had to move further north again.

Detective Piro, who had taken the day off, was observed at this time. He responded from his residence when he heard what happened. I also received word that detective Rodgers was with detective Selby and was all right.

We finally moved north to the School Gym that eventually served as a staging area. I instructed all detectives to call their families and notify them that they were okay. We had to utilize one or two Nextel phones, as they were the only ones working at that time.

Sometime during the late afternoon, I went to retrieve D/Lt Podolak's car from Vesey St. The rear and two side windows were shattered, and the car had numerous dents and scratches. The car was brought to the PATC for repair.

The above is an account of the events that occurred and I observed, in lower Manhattan, on September 11, 2001, to the best of my recollection.



William J. Zika
Detective Sergeant
Criminal Investigative Bureau

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Memorandum

TO: Chief Joseph Morris
FROM: Detective Sergeant Raymond DiLena
DATE: March 6, 2002
SUBJECT:



REFERENCE: September 11, 2001

COPY TO:

On Sept 11, 2001 I was working a 7x3 tour at JFK Airport. I first learned of the attack moments after when Detective Edward Rapp entered the squad room and told me. Looking out the window I could see heavy smoke coming from one tower.

I then gathered all the available manpower within the Detective Unit. All hands would respond knowing that replacements would come in from home. I gathered our crime scene equipment that I thought would be useful.

I responded in vehicle 250-1. Detective Snyder was the driver and Detective Sergeant's Perdomo and Bomengo were also in the vehicle. At this point I tried to find out what had happened. I telephoned the FAA Regional Control Center.

About this time we noticed a huge fireball erupt and obscure both towers from our vantage point. When the flames dissipated you could now see that both towers were afire.

When I saw papers falling to earth on the Brooklyn side of the Battery Tunnel I instruct Detective Snyder to stop the vehicle and retrieve one thinking it may have been some type of leaflets dropped. We exited the Tunnel and drove north on West Street parking in the left lane a few blocks south of the WTC Complex. I noticed the lampposts were sheared off and body parts littered the street. A section of the landing gear proved to me that this was a commercial airliner. Upon exiting the vehicle Detective Molina informed us that NYPD Citywide put out a report that a third aircraft was approaching and that persons unknown were shooting from the Woolworth Building. We headed down a side street still south of the complex. While we were trying to get closer to the building we redirected pedestrians who were actually coming up from the subway walking toward Tower 2. At this point Det. Lt. Podolak redirected me to FBI Headquarters at 26 Federal Plaza because I had FBI credentials to gain access. While approximately two blocks away from Tower 2 I heard a roar of what I describe as a jet engine at full power. Looking up I saw a huge cloud of dust and ran away from the debris. I did not know for quite some time that there had been a full collapse of Tower 2.

As we neared the FBI Building we learned that it was being evacuated and locked down. There was no communications as all of our radios went dead with the collapse of Tower 2. We then returned to West St. north of Tower #1 searching for our command post. I remember looking up at Tower 1 hearing what I can best describe as muffled roar. I then observed the two corners of

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tower 1 that faced me pull away from the building at opposing angles and the building start to come straight down. I ran north on West St. and came into contact with a number of our Officers. While trying to regroup I started writing down the names of Officers that I had seen and knew to be alive. I still have the business card that I wrote the names on. Now that I collected the names I walked to the auditorium where I was told we were regrouping. While walking toward the auditorium there was some type of explosion across the street and resulted in the auditorium being evacuated. We then went to a high school gym where our command center would remain. We still had many persons unaccounted for and Sgt. Perdomo and I set out toward the site trying to locate some of our troops, which we thought could be on the other side (south) of the site. I remember going to Barclay St. by the parking lot entrance and seeing the devastation. Due to the dust and smoke we retreated due to the fact that at this early stage there was no protective breathing equipment available.

The rest of the day went by so fast. I remember feeling helpless. We were in this auditorium and we could not get near the site. I went down numerous times to see if anything could be done, but there was little rescue work taking place. There was some confusion as to who was missing. Shawn Russell and Pete Johnson were mentioned to me as being at the scene. I was able to contact the Kennedy police desk and clear up exactly who was at JFK and I learned that Peter and Shawn were safe at home.

Sometime in the early afternoon Det. Michael Molina reported to me that George Howard was confirmed dead. During one of my walks down to the site I met with a Captain from Hicksville Fire Department whom I knew George was a member of. After checking with the Captain McClancy that notifications to the Howard family were made the Fire Captain was told.

This was a day that was very overwhelming to the senses. Although I was with other people during these events it seems we all recall different sights and sounds.

The vehicle I responded in, Vehicle # 2501 was inaccessible and damaged to make it irretrievable. I returned to JFK at 2300 hours transported there by a civilian vehicle.



TO: LIEUTENANT ED GLUTCH
PATCH, ROOM 302

FROM: P/O A. HAMLETT - #1698

DATE: NOVEMBER 26, 2001

SUBJECT: TERRORIST ATTACK – SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

In response to the memorandum dated October 23, 2001 from Acting Superintendent Police, Joseph Morris, below is my account of the events which occurred on September 11, 2001.

On September 11, 2001, I was working at the George Washington Bridge (GWB). There had been a serious motor vehicle accident on the upper level westbound at 01:50 am. The commanding officer requested the assistance of the CVI unit to evaluate the vehicles. Two tractor-trailers were involved in the accident and one of the drivers was in critical condition with a slim chance of recovery (MVA/CN # 1796-01). I responded to the GWB to assist P/O Kovall and P/O Teel complete the accident investigation concerning the above-referenced MVA. At 08:20 P/O Kovall, P/O Teel and myself responded to Manhattan Towing, located in Ridgefield Park, NJ. During my inspection of the truck (1997 FREIGHTLINER AF676M NJ), P/O Kovall informed me that either a plane had struck, or a bomb had gone off, at the World Trade Center (WTC). I immediately placed a cellular phone call to the central police desk. On my third attempt my call went through and a P/O advised me of the validity of the occurrence and requested that I (all units) should respond. The route that I chose led me to the Holland Tunnel (HT). Before going through the HT, I stopped at the Marin Blvd. Fire House in Jersey City and attempted to obtain several Scott Air Paks as I did in 1993 when the WTC was bombed. A fireman stated that he would have to obtain authorization. I immediately continued on my way stopping to inform Sgt. Webber and requested that he follow up on my request on JCFD.

Due to the amount of vehicles in the area I pulled onto the sidewalk on the corner of Greenwich and Barclay Streets adjacent to the Path decontamination truck and an 8-9 unit. As I exited my vehicle I observed P/O Niedermeyer walking towards me at a brisk pace. He crossed my path on the side of the Path decon truck. As P/O Niedermeyer emerged on the other side of the truck, his handcuff case and gun belt were entangled in the rigging for his Scott Air Pak. I requested the Scott Air Pak from P/O Niedermeyer or if there were additional units, at which time P/O Niedermeyer conveyed his concerns to me. I untangled his rig and he stated that he had to catch up with the others. I turned around and checked the decon truck and adjacent 8-9 unit for a Scott Air Pak; however, none was located.

Being unable to locate a Scott Air Pak I ran down West Broadway to the WTC. At this point, there were no civilians or emergency personnel on Vesey St. and West Broadway. I turned and saw the Mobile Command Post (MCP) on Barclay St. & West Broadway. I ran to catch up to the MCP, which I did on Greenwich and Barclay Streets. Again I attempted to obtain a Scott Air Pak from the MCP and P/O Accardi informed me that there weren't any on board. After a brief conversation with P/O Accardi I assisted him in maneuvering the MCP to the corner of West and Vesey Streets.

As we were setting up the command post, P/O Accardi stated that there was no cellular phone service. Then Inspector Morris entered the MCP seeking communication equipment. As I exited the MCP Sgt. Poland requested that I follow up on the establishment of a hard phone line to the MCP. A Verizon supervisor was very helpful and within two minutes there was a Verizon employee hooking up the line from inside the Verizon building. I looked up and noticed an object falling from Tower #1. As the object got closer I could see that it was a live human. Soon after, I saw glass shatter that had been attached to the awning on VIP Drive. I believe that the person fell into the glass and caused it to shatter.

As I headed south on West Street towards VIP Drive, I observed Mayor Guiliani fleeing the area with his entourage. As I approached VIP Drive, periodically, I was interrupted by the threat of numerous people literally falling to their deaths. Two or three MOF made it into Tower #1. Unfortunately, a NYC firefighter did survive his attempt upon his attempt to enter the building. Before he made it into Tower #1 he was struck and killed by one of the people who fell from the building. I observed approximately eight people that struck the ground or otherwise exploded upon contact with various objects: awnings, streets, light poles, etc.

A police lieutenant (white shirt) stopped all access and egress through VIP Drive. At least two severely burnt people exited the tower before the area was closed. Upon witnessing additional people perish, I took a few steps back while keeping a constant vigil on the upper floors of Tower #1.

While I was watching, all of a sudden a gray cloud engulfed the upper floors of Tower #1. I observed what I thought was the façade of the upper floors falling off. A large number of rescuers, including myself, ran for our lives. I fled north on West Street to escape the debris cloud, stopping between Murray and Warren Streets. When the cloud became transparent I went back to West and Vesey Streets guiding numerous stunned and injured people northward or to nearby ambulances. Many people could not understand what I was saying because they were in shock or their ears were stuffed with debris. I returned to Vesey and West Streets to determine whether P/O Accardi and others were in need of assistance. I assisted him with the removal of the MCP vehicle from the area. Further down West St. I could see ESU and fire trucks covered with debris. As I approached Vesey St., I could hear people requesting assistance. When I arrived at the pedestrian footbridge near Vesey and West Streets, I observed two or three floors in Tower #1 collapse and the antenna on top of the building began to pitch.

Once again all of the people in the area ran north on West St. Some of our detectives attempted to find refuge behind the MCP or sought cover inside of buildings. This time, as I fled I could feel and hear heavy objects crashing to the ground behind me. I cleared the debris cloud at Chamber and West Streets. Exhausted, I stayed there until I caught my breath. As the cloud cleared, I was shocked to discover that neither tower was standing.

After the towers collapsed, P/Os Hall, Rivero and myself went back to the site where the WTC was standing in an attempt to locate P/O Niedermeyer. We looked around in the area where I last saw him. We are only able to recover the vehicle that I had driven from the GWB.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. J. Hall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with some loops and flourishes.

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Capt. A. L. Whitaker
C/O WTC Command

To: Chief Joseph Morris, Chief of Department

From: Police Officer Shawn Fitzpatrick #2075

Date: 11 / 26 / 01

Subject: September 11th World Trade Center Terrorist Attack

On the morning of the incident, Sergeant DeVona had an arrest for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. I escorted the plain clothes officers to the arrest room along with Police Officer Davis. While in the arrest room, we heard a loud explosion. The whole building started to shake. Sergeant DeVona came over the radio and told us to release the prisoner. Upon release of the prisoner I ran up the escalator to see what was going on. I looked down towards Tower 1 and saw the lobby area filling up with black smoke. At that point I started escorting people out of the building. I went upstairs by Borders Books to help bring the injured civilians across the street to the temporary triage that was set up. I did that only for a short time.

Someone said there were people jumping out of the building by the stage. Immediately, I ran over to the Plaza level with Police Officer Finnegan. I saw about four people jump from the building. New York City Police Officers were also at the scene. One of them went over the radio to have EMS respond to that location.

I went back inside to Tower 1 and started helping people out of the elevators with the Fire Department and other Police Officers. While in Tower 1 I heard that same loud explosion. Before I knew it someone said Tower 2 was hit. After Tower 2 was hit I ran out to the concourse level where I saw Sergeant Duane. He told me to escort the EMS workers into Tower 2 so they could help the injured people.

Signature *P.O. Shawn Fitzpatrick, #2075*

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Capt. A.R. Whitaker
C/O WTC Command

To: Chief Joseph Morris, Chief of Department

From: Police Officer Shawn Fitzpatrick

Date: 11 / 26 / 01

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While in Tower 2 I was escorting more people out of the building and helping the EMS workers. I ran back and forth from Tower 1 and 2 assisting anyway I could. About 30 seconds before Tower 2 fell I walked out and was heading back to Tower 1. I got to Banana Republic and felt the whole building start shaking. I also heard a loud noise that I can't even explain. Everyone in the whole concourse level started running to the nearest exit. The noise just kept getting louder. The shaking got more intense. I got to about the Verizon store and the whole concourse level went dark. I was still running but a gust of wind threw me off my feet. The next thing that I could remember was laying in a store with stuff on top of me.

When I finally got my head together I saw nothing and heard nothing. I was never so scared in my life. I just started yelling, "Is anyone here? Is anyone here?" Someone answered, "I'm right here. I'm a cop!" I told him that I also was a cop. He was about five feet from me but I couldn't see him. He said that we should stay together. I couldn't breathe, I was choking on all the dust in the air. I grabbed my flashlight and turned it on. I shined the light around and realized I was in Duane Reade. I knew I wasn't that far from an exit, but I couldn't see a thing and there was debris everywhere. I told the cop to grab my ankle and we started crawling. I then started yelling if anyone is here, follow my light. We crawled for a few minutes and then we stood up. I'm not positive but I think three more people came to my light. We grabbed arms and began to walk. We made it out:

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P.O. Shawn Fitzpatrick 4/20/15

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C/O WTC Command

but I had no idea we were outside because it was so dark. I realized we were outside when I saw an ESU truck on fire and a fire engine crushed. We all started yelling for help but we could hardly breathe because of the air. Finally, someone saw us and brought us into a deli. The people in the deli gave us water to drink and began to clean our eyes with water. When I left the deli I tried to get someone on the radio but the radio didn't work. I just kept walking towards where I saw light. I eventually ran into three Port Authority Police Officers and they brought me over to the college.

At the college I met with Sergeant DeVona and told him that my right knee, right shoulder and both eyes hurt. He said go get checked out. I was brought by ambulance to the Chelsea Piers triage center. I was checked out and released. I was brought back to the college and we were released from there at 1800 hours.

On the way home I went to North Shore Hospital in Plainview, New York to get x-rays. The next day I called CPD and went IOD as per Sergeant Leary. I received chemical abrasions in both eyes, right knee sprain and nerve impingements in my right shoulder. I came back to work on November 5, 2001, Medically Restricted. I have been working at the World Trade Center temporary command since. If there are any other questions please contact me. I will try to help anyway that I could.

Signature

P.O. Shawn Fitzpatrick, # 2075

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11-72The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
HAND-WRITTEN MEMORANDUMTo: CHIEF MORRISFrom: P.O. ANTHONY L. CROCEDate: 01 / 28 / 02Subject: SEPTEMBER 11TH

I'M WRITING THIS BECAUSE IT HAS COME TO MY ATTENTION THAT YOU REQUESTED AN ACCOUNT OF THE RESCUE EFFORTS FROM OFFICERS PRESENT AT THE WTC THE DAY OF SEPTEMBER 11TH. I JUST WANT TO STATE THAT I WILL TRY TO BE AS ACCURATE AS I CAN. THAT DAY AS YOU KNOW WAS LIKE NO OTHER AND SOME PARTS AND TIMES OF IT ARE HAZY OTHERS ARE VERY CLEAR TO ME. MY DAY WAS AS FOLLOWS.

I WAS SCHEDULED TO WORK A 7X3 TQD AT PATH. I WAS GOING TO BE MY SECOND OJT THERE. I HAD JUST GRADUATED THE ACADEMY IN JUNE AND WAS SENT RIGHT INTO THE POOL. I WAS FIRST TRAINED AT THE WTC AND IT WAS WHERE I WAS SENT FOR MOST OF MY TOURS. I LOVED WORKING THERE. THE COPS WERE GREAT AND EXTREMELY HELPFUL. THE PEOPLE WHO WORKED THERE WERE NICE AND FRIENDLY. I WAS VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE BEEN SENT THERE SO MUCH. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN MY TOP CHOICE TO WORK PERMANENTLY SOMEDAY. I HAD BEEN TRAINED VERY WELL BY SOME OF THE MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE, CARING AND PATIENT COPS I EVER CAME ACROSS (I WAS ON THE NYPD FOR 3 1/2 YEARS). THESE WERE VETERAN COPS WHO REALLY TOOK THE EXTRA TIME IN SHOWING ME THE FACILITY. AS A RESULT I WAS WELL TRAINED THERE AND THAT WOULD LATER AMONG OTHER THINGS PLAY A BIG PART IN SAVING MY LIFE THAT DAY. SOME OF THOSE OFFICERS DID NOT MAKE IT HOME THAT DAY. I WILL MISS THEM VERY MUCH AND WILL NEVER FORGET THEM.

THAT MORNING OF ALL MORNINGS I WAS RUNNING A LITTLE LATE DUE TO MY WIFE'S CAR NOT STARTING. I HAD CALLED PATH AND EXPLAINED MY SITUATION, THEY WERE ACCOMODATING AND I SAID I'D BE IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WHEN I ARRIVED AT PATH I CHECKED IN WITH THE DESK. AT THAT VERY MOMENT A RADIO TRANSMISSION CAME OVER

Signature P.O. Anthony L. Croce

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the desk radio. It was from an officer stating that there was an explosion at the WTC. I remember the tone in his voice like he needed help. The desk officer and myself just looked at each other, thinking please let it be a false report or an overreaction. But as more reports and transmissions came over the air we knew it was not good. I remember standing there feeling helpless. I wanted to just hop in a car and go but there were no cops around to go with, they were all out in the field already. At that point Inspector Norris came out grabbed a radio looked at me and said, you ready lets go you're driving. We both ran to his car and raced to the WTC. As we got to the Holland Tunnel we were able to see the towers. Tower one was burning bad and I thought to myself, this can't be happening I was just there yesterday for a detail. The tunnel was already closed off to traffic so we were able to get to the scene very quickly. Getting out of the tunnel and driving down W. Broadway is where we started to get a glimpse of how bad the situation was. There were people running and screaming, police and rescue vehicles approaching from all directions, it was like nothing I ever had seen. It reminded me of the 1993 bombing footage I'd seen on TV, it had the same look to it. As we approached Vespy St. there was concrete, metal and glass all over the road. I told Insp. Norris that this did not look like a small plane had hit the building, due to earlier reports we had heard. We parked at the corner of Vespy and Church St. and ran into building 5 to the police desk. When we entered there was a cop assisting a civilian who was upset and bleeding from his head.

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HAND-WRITTEN MEMORANDUMTo: CHIEF MORRISFrom: P.O. ANTHONY L. CROCEDate: 01 / 28 / 02Subject: SEPTEMBER 11TH

P.O. MURRAY WAS BUSY ON THE DESK PHONE TELLING PEOPLE HELP WAS ON WAY UP TO HELP THEM AND TO REMAIN CALM. WE WERE ALL TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT EXACTLY HAD HAPPENED AND THE EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE. AS WE WERE AT THE DESK WE KEPT HEARING EXPLOSIONS THAT WOULD SHAKE THE WHOLE ROOM. PEOPLE WERE SAYING "THERE'S ANOTHER ONE AND ANOTHER ONE". NO ONE KNEW THE TOTAL EXTENT OF DAMAGE. I HEARD REPORTS OF SECONDARY BOMB EXPLOSIONS, MISSILE BEING SHOT AT TOWERS AND A COUPLE OF OTHERS. INSPECTOR NORRIS TOLD ME TO FOLLOW HIM, THAT WE WERE GOING TO BUILDING #1 TO HELP WITH THE EVACUATION. WE BOTH RAN OUT TOWARD THE ESCALATOR TO THE CONCOURSE LEVEL TO ACCESS TOWER ONE. IT WAS TOO DANGEROUS TO GET THERE FROM THE PLAZA OUTSIDE. HEADING DOWN TO THE ESCALATORS I LOOKED OUT INTO THE PLAZA FOR A BRIEF MOMENT AND ALL I SAW WAS DEVIATION. THE PLAZA WAS FILLED WITH SMOKE FROM ALL THE DEBRIS THAT WAS FALLING WITH FIRE ALL AROUND. IT LOOKED LIKE A WAR SCENE. I COULDN'T BELIEVE WHAT I WAS SEEING I KEPT SAYING THIS MUST BE A BAD DREAM. AS WE DESCENDED TO THE CONCOURSE LEVEL I REMEMBER SEEING I BELIEVE TWO OFFICERS BY THE PATH ESCALATORS HELPING PEOPLE COMING UP. AS WE RAN DOWN THE HALLWAY TOWARD TOWER ONE THERE WERE PEOPLE COMING TOWARD US, SOME RUNNING, SOME BARELY ABLE TO WALK. MOST WERE UPSET AND CRYING WHILE SOME WERE, IN I THINK SHOCK. I THINK WE ALL WERE. SOME OF THEM WERE BADLY INJURED. AS WE GOT CLOSE TO THE LOBBY I REMEMBER SEEING MARBLE SLABS FROM WALLS, GLASS AND LARGE PUDDLES OF WATER ON THE GROUND. THE GLASS REVOLVING DOORS WERE SHATTERED AND OFF THEIR TRACKS AND LIGHTING FIXTURES WERE HANGING DOWN OFF THE CEILING.

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INSPECTION NORRIS AND MYSELF WALKED INTO THE LOBBY AND MET UP WITH SOME RESCUE WORKERS. INSPECTION NORRIS TOLD ME TO STAY IN THE LOBBY AND HELP THE PEOPLE THAT WERE COMING DOWN THE ESCALATORS FROM THE MEZZANINE LEVEL OF TOWER ONE. AT THAT MOMENT I HEARD AND FELT ANOTHER EXPLOSION BUT THIS ONE WAS MUCH LOUDER THAN THE OTHERS. I NOW KNOW THAT WAS THE SECOND PLANE WHICH HAD HIT TOWER TWO. AS I HAD STATED EARLIER WE HAD GOTTEN THERE SO FAST THE BEFORE THE SECOND PLANE THAT WE DIDN'T KNOW IT HIT. I WAS IN THE LOBBY FOR A LITTLE WHILE HELPING WITH THE EVACUATION. WE HAD TO SEND THE PEOPLE COMING DOWN FROM THE MEZZANINE THROUGH THE CONCOURSE LEVEL SO THEY COULD EXIT OUT OF BUILDING FIVE. WE DIDN'T WANT TO SEND THEM OUT ONTO WEST ST. BECAUSE IT WAS TOO DANGEROUS WITH THE FALLING DEBRIS. ALSO FIRE AND RESCUE PERSONNEL WERE ENTERING FROM WEST ST.. THERE WERE COPS STAGED AT DIFFERENT POINTS IN THE CONCOURSE SO THEY COULD GUIDE THE PEOPLE TO BUILDING FIVE AND EXIT FROM THERE. I REMEMBER BEING SOAKED FROM THE SPRINKLER SYSTEM. AT SOME POINT WHILE I WAS WATCHING THE PEOPLE COMING DOWN THE ESCALATORS THERE WAS THIS WOMAN STANDING AT THE TOP. SHE STARTED COMING DOWN BUT STOPPED AT THE FIRST OR SECOND STEP. SHE WAS CRYING AND SEEMED TO BE IN A LOT OF PAIN. IT HAD BEEN GETTING CROWDED AT THE TOP BECAUSE PEOPLE WERE SQUEEZING AROUND HER. I RAN UP AND A MAN NEXT TO HER TOLD ME THAT SHE HAD BROKEN HER ANKLE, OR SOMETHING TO THAT EFFECT, AND COULDN'T GO DOWN. I COULD TELL SHE WAS IN A LOT OF PAIN FROM THE LOOK SHE HAD GIVEN ME. I PICKED HER UP AND CARRIED HER DOWN WHICH WAS MORE DIFFICULT

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than I thought. The stairs were wet and I was nervous that I would drop her. We finally got to the bottom where I gave her to a man who said he would help her out from there. I decided at that point that I should stay upstairs at the mezzanine level because I would be of most use there. People had been coming out of the stairwell there and they seemed to be confused as to where to go. When I got to the mezzanine level I think that's when I had finally hit me as to the magnitude of the situation. The mezzanine as you know is at the same level with the plaza outside so I was able to see just how devastating the area was. I remember getting to the top and see the huge windows covered with smoke and fire. There were people who had jumped outside and people would run or stare outside causing additional problems. There was a federal agent, a city cop and a security guard also up there assisting with the rescue. I had walked to the stairwell and people coming out in droves. I could see the panic in their eyes as they looked at me. I felt so bad for them. Some were injured really bad and barely able to walk. The heat and the bug decent had taken a toll on them. Some would tell me they couldn't go anymore. All I could do at the time was to offer some encouragement and try and give them a boost to continue. I remember telling the ones who were running not to but to walk fast. I was doing this for a while when I saw some fireman and fellow officers getting ready to head up the stairwell. I had told them that to be careful and I would see them soon. I had been waiting for extra bunker gear that was being

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Retrieved by some officers, who I later found out didn't make it out that day. At some point I was looking out into the plaza and the concert stage was on fire. It was burning pretty good and was right next to the building. Thinking this was a priority at the time I leaned over the mezzanine railing and saw P.O. Houston in the lobby below. I yelled to him and got his attention. I explained the situation to him and he was going to get F.D. up there. He had been in plain clothes that day and I can still remember seeing the color of day band on his wrist (green). I liked P.O. Houston, I didn't know him very long but we got along well together when I worked with him. He was one of the officers that trained me there and I will miss him a great deal. At some point later I was joined by LT. KASSIMATIS (now CAPT.) and INSPECTOR FIELDS. LT. KASSIMATIS asked me how I was doing and holding up and if I had a PATH radio so he could talk to additional officers in the field. That had been the first time I met either of them. The both of them stayed with me and helping us with the evacuation. As I stated earlier it was getting crazy up there and thank God they were with me. Some point later I realized that my brother-in-law worked at the WTC. I became concerned and wanted to leave and try to find him. I then realized that he worked in 5 WTC and most likely be alright and made it out safely so I stayed. All three of us were up there for a while and very busy with the rescue. I again walked to the burning concert stage. As I walked to the window I heard

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THIS INCREDIBLE NOISE. IT'S DIFFICULT TO DESCRIBE WHAT IT HAD SEEN OR FELT LIKE. IT WAS LIKE BEING IN AN EARTHQUAKE AND UNDER A THOUSAND "L" TRAINS ALL AT ONCE. THE VIBRATION RAN THRU ME WITH VIOLENT GROUND VIBRATIONS. I HEARD LT. KASSAMATIS YELLING FOR ME TO GET OUT OF THERE. WE ALL STARTED RUNNING TO THE BACK END OF THE MEZZANINE TOWARD WE ST. PASSING THE ESCALATORS. THE PROBLEM WITH DOING THAT WAS THE ONLY WAY OUT AND WE RAN PAST THE ESCALATORS. WE DIDN'T CARE AT THE TIME, WE JUST WANTED TO MOVE OUT OF THE PATH OF WHATEVER WAS COMING OUR WAY. I THOUGHT IT WAS ANOTHER PLANE CRASHING INTO THE PLAZA. I REMEMBER THINKING THAT THIS WAS IT, I WAS NOT GOING TO MAKE IT. I HEARD A BOLD WIND AND GLASS SHATTERING AROUND ME. AN INCREDIBLE FORCE OF WIND AND DEBRIS CRASHED THRU THE MEZZANINE AND KNOCKED ME DOWN. THEN THE AREA WENT DARK. I CRAWLED TO A WALL AND Cuddled TO A BALL. I THOUGHT OF MY WIFE AND WONDERED IF I WAS EVER GOING TO SEE HER AGAIN. THAT WAS A SCARY FEELING. WHEN THE NOISE SUBSIDED, THERE WAS AN EERIE SILENCE, I DIDN' HEAR ANYONE. I WONDERED IF I WAS THE ONLY ONE LEFT. I GOT UP AND FELT FOR THE WALL. I KNEW THERE WAS A DOOR SOMEWHERE IN FRONT OF ME BUT COULDN'T SEE ANYTHING. I HAD THOUGHT SMOKE WAS CAUSING ME TO COUGH BUT IT WAS THE DUST AND DEBRIS FROM THE COLLAPSE. AS I WAS WALKING FEELING THE WALL I HAD TRIPPED OVER A PERSON WHO WAS LYING ON THE GROUND. I ASKED HIM IF HE WAS ALRIGHT AND ABLE TO WALK. I TOLD HIM I WAS A COP AND THAT WE WERE GOING TO GET OUT. I THEN REALIZED THAT I HAD A FLASHLIGHT. AS I TURNED IT ON

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People began to yell for help. It was like everyone woke up and saw this light which gave them hope. I was thinking of shooting out the windows but changed my mind because I didn't know if the bullet would ricochet off and injure someone. I would reserve that idea for later if there were no other options. Lt. Kassimatis called me over. He was with the inspector and some other people who they gathered up. He had asked if I was alright and said let's get everyone out of there. We called out for people to come to the light and did some searching. We gathered all the people we could find. The flashlight lit up only a couple of feet in front of us and it looked like it was snowing dust particles. The only way out was the escalator. But we didn't know if it had been destroyed from the collapse. We all formed a human chain by grabbing the belt of the person in front of us and made a way to the escalator. When we got there we locked out. The escalator was damaged but it wasn't collapsed. We all descended down to the lobby level. When we got to the bottom the concourse level was collapsed so we had to exit through the West St. Exit. As we walked toward the front we couldn't see any light. I began to think it also was caved in and we would be trapped. Lt. Kassimatis said he saw away out the front and I believe we crawled out a broken window and debris. We finally had gotten out and there was starting to clear and could see daylight. I remember sitting down on a divider on West St. and just looking around at the devastation all around. I was approached by a paramedic and began giving me oxygen. He said he was

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Running low and suggested that I follow him to the ambulance by the Verizon building to get more. I didn't want to at first but he persuaded me, and thank God he did. We were walking north on West St. and just as we got there I heard that noise again. I remember looking up at the North tower and saw the corners of the building collapsing straight down. It was coming down so fast I thought to myself, I made it out of the building alive and now I'm going to die in the street. Running down West St. Another cloud of dust and debris engulfed the area again. It was so powerful it almost knocked me down. I later met up with other P.A. officers. We were instructed to muster up in a gymnasium in a college close by. Supervisors were attempting to get a head count of officers present and missing. They evacuated us to BMCC college after they thought a bomb might be in the Auditorium. My beeper kept going off, it was my wife. I kept trying my cell phone to call her but kept getting no signal. A firefighter was also trying to call his wife but had the same problem. He told me he would try to call from a command post. I asked him if he got through, if he could get word to my wife and let her know I was alright. Later I found out that he got his father upstate to call my wife. That was four hours after I last spoke to her. It was frustrating that she was home paging me and I couldn't get word to her. I couldn't imagine what she must have gone through not knowing if I was alive. I later met up with Inspector Morris, Inspector Fields and Lt. Kassimatis. We talked and were glad to see each of us had

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MADE IT OUT. I WILL NEVER FORGET THAT DAY, I THINK OFTEN OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO DID NOT MAKE IT OUT AND OF THE WOMAN WHO I HAD TO CARRY, I HOPE SHE MADE IT HOME THAT DAY. I'LL NEVER FORGET THE FACES OF THE COPS I SAW CLIMBING THE STAIRS, MANY WHO DIDN'T MAKE IT OUT. I FEEL HONORED TO HAVE KNOWN THEM. THEY GAVE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY AND AMERICA. THEY WILL ALWAYS BE IN MY PRAYERS. I WILL ALSO NEVER FORGET CAPTAIN (LT.) KASSIMAT AND INSPECTOR FIELDS. THE THREE OF US SHARED AN UNBELIEVABLE EXPERIENCE TOGETHER THAT DAY, AND IF NOT FOR THEM I PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE HERE TODAY. I GAVE MY BROTHER-IN-LAW A HUG WHEN I SAW HIM AND THANKED HIM FOR GIVING ME THAT FLASHLIGHT. I TOLD HIM IT SAVED MY LIFE AND OTHERS THAT DAY. THE PAP: SAVED MANY LIVES THAT DAY. EVERY OFFICER WHO WAS THERE KNEW THE RISK BUT RAN INTO THE BUILDINGS TO DO THEIR JOBS. THEY ARE ALL HEROES IN MY EYES. WHEN I GOT HOME I HUGGED MY WIFE AND FELT VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO RETURN TO HER. SOMEONE WAS LOOKING OVER ME THAT DAY, DEFINATELY.

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Memorandum

TO: Lt. Edward Gutch
FROM: Det. Michael Molina
DATE: 02-08-02
SUBJECT: Terrorist Attack – 09/11/01



REFERENCE:

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On 09-11-01, I was working a 7x3 tour at JFK Airport. At approx. 0855 hrs., we, the detectives working at JFK, became aware of an aircraft striking World Trade Center Tower #1. We immediately began to respond to the WTC. I with PO John Curnyn and Det. John Trotter responded in PA Vehicle #02317. A motorcade of police vehicles departed JFK within minutes.

While responding we monitored PAPD 800 radio transmissions and monitored NYPD Special Operations Division radio transmissions. From the radio transmissions it became apparent that the incident unfolding was more than an aircraft accident. What was also becoming very apparent was that CPD did not have a cue as to what was happening at the WTC. We could not believe the transmissions from CPD for units to respond to the "WEST STREET ENTRANCE OF TOWER ONE...TO RESPOND INTO THE LOBBY OF ONE WTC," AND THAT THE COMMAND POST WAS BEING SETUP NEARBY.

While en-route on the Belt Parkway our fears became reality when we observed the explosion of Tower #2 resulting from the second aircraft strike. The motorcade of emergency vehicles that we were a part of was directed into the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel. We and other PAPD units from JFK parked our vehicles on West Street near the intersection of Albany Street.

At the moment of our arrival we heard over the NYPD radio that another unidentified aircraft was inbound to the WTC. The NYPD Dispatcher was screaming, "All units take cover...get out of the buildings...get out of the streets!" We informed the units around us and joined the wave of NYPD and FDNY units running south on West St. looking for cover. After several minutes we heard the "all clear" and observed military aircraft flying overhead. By this time we were informed that the PAPD Command Post had been located on West St. and Vesey St.

We made our way around the westside of the World Financial Center to the PAPD Command Post arriving at approx. 0930 hrs. As Det/Sgt. Zika was taking the roll call of the arriving detectives, Tower #2 started to collapse. The cloud of dust and debris instantly engulfed us. Det. Richard Sheehan and I, along with an unidentified Verizon employee, took cover by the northern end of the command vehicle.

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As the light started to filter through the cloud of dust we began to walk north on West St. At that point I became aware of the fact that most of the detectives I responded with were unaccounted for.

After the command post was moved to a safer location I assisted with communications and attempting to locate PAPD units. While outside of the southern part of Manhattan Community College Tower #1 started to collapse. Again being engulfed in the dust blast.

Afterward I and other detectives assisted in setting up the temporary PAPD Command Center inside of the gym of the college. At some point Chief Morris, then Inspector, requested that I accompany him (probably for the reason that I had a NYPD radio) and others to West St. and Vesey St. for a meeting with NYPD. We ended up walking to One Police Plaza for a meeting at the Operations Command Room. Afterward I returned to the PAPD Command Post and assisted in any way I could just to get over the feeling of total helplessness.

At some point I advised a supervisor that I was going to attempt to locate then missing family members that resided in Battery Park City. I walked south on West St. and walked behind the WFC to Liberty St. and West St. area. I walked back to where our vehicles were parked and observed the damage to them. After a while since I couldn't locate my family members I started to walk back north.

When I reached the intersection of West St. and Vesey St. I observed numerous police and other emergency personnel searching the northwest area of the intersection. Within seconds I overheard an NYPD Police Officer speaking into a radio saying, "Central it's a confirmed PAPD DOA." I was immediately approached by a NYPD Sergeant and asked if I could identify the body of one of our Officers. I identified PO George Howard.

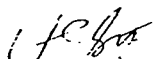
While I was taking possession of Officer Howard's property from NYPD, Sgt. Flynn and other members of ESU arrived. I requested that one of his men remain with Officer Howard. I then took Officer Howard's property and responded to the PAPD Command Post where notifications were made.

Sometime later that day while being transported by a NYPD Harbor Launch south of the WTC, myself and other detectives finally realized that the buildings were completely gone. From the middle of the river we saw for the first time through the cloud of dust and smoke that the building were reduced to nothing.

After examining the vehicles that we had driven earlier that day and surveying the damage to them we returned to the command post. At approx. 2130 hrs. we were requested to secure transportation back to JFK. Later we finally made it back to our command.


Det. M.E. Molina 117

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HAND-WRITTEN MEMORANDUM

To: Lt E. Gutch
From: PO J O'Donnell PATH
Date: 02 / 13 / 02
Subject: 9-11-01

On the day of terrorists attacks of the World Trade Center, I was assigned to Post #10 at PATH (JSQ). At the time of the attacks, PO Gorman and PO Lasczynski were working the desk spots at JSQ. When the call for ESU units to respond to the WTC, I was ordered to the desk and took over the CAD spot and handled all radio transmissions, while PO Cashin handled incoming calls with Sgt Holland. After the collapse of the second tower, I responded on the last bus which transported from JSQ to WTC site. From that time on, I was on standby for search and rescue, which never took place. I was sent home at 2100 hrs, in order for manpower needs the next day.

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TO: Chief J. Morris
FROM: P.O. Thomas F. Kennedy #464
DATE: February 23, 2002
SUBJECT: Actions of the undersigned on September 11, 2001

As per AMOC #64-01, the actions of the undersigned on the above date were as follows:

- Assigned to LaGuardia Airport , 6x2
- Upon becoming aware of the first plane strike on the WTC, contacted CPD and was assigned to respond to the WTC and join up with P.O. Accardi to operate the mobile command post, by Sgt. Mariano-CPD
- Responded with LaGuardia Airport personnel to WTC,
- Parked LGA vehicles on Barclay Street near WTC Bldg. # 7
- Responded to West St. via Washington St. alley between Bldg #7 and Telephone Bldg.
- Exited alley on to Vesey St. encountered P.O. Jurgens -Police Academy- heading east towards Church St. - had brief conversation- I went west to West St.- Jurgens stated he was going to Church St. to look for the guys from JFK, possibly last sighting of Jurgens alive, he was wearing garage clothes, bunker gear, blue fire helmet, scott pack
- While headed towards West St. encountered several bodies falling from WTC Bldg. #1, onto Vesey St., along with debris from the building and the airplane
- Entered West St, from Vesey, and proceeded south looking for the CPV, walked south to Liberty St., observed numerous bodies and a quantity of debris falling to West St., Liberty St.
- Met up with Lt. Sepulveda-LGA- at West St. near south foot bridge to WFC
- Observed the CPV heading south in the northbound lanes of West St. near Vesey St.
- Responded to that location made contact with P.O. Accardi
- In an attempt to move the vehicle further south on West St. I proceeded to the area south of the foot bridge to WFC , at this point WTC #2 collapsed
- Responded to the CPV, received from P.O. Accardi a SCOTT mask with filter adapter,
- P.O. Accardi, Chief Morris, Det. Sgt. Zika on board CPV
- several persons brought on board CPV, to escape dust cloud
- Upon exiting vehicle, found several persons on the ground in the dust, carried one them onto FDNY ambulance heading north on West St., assisted a few other onto ambulance
- At least one person on CPV was administered oxygen while on board CPV
- Along with P.O. Accardi removed CPV from debris and moved vehicle north one block north
- WTC Bldg #1 collapse
- Again numerous persons were brought on board to escape dust cloud
- CPV began to overheat, removed several water cans from FDNY rig to clear dust from radiator and air intake
- CPV moved north to N. Moore and West St.s Command Post established
- Began obtaining lists of all responding personnel from the commands and accounting for them
- Established list of the missing, revisions made as personnel accounted for during the day
- Began start up of organizing rescue personnel, along with P.O. Accardi
- established communications with PA OEM, NYC OEM, CPD, with P.O. Accardi

- Began immediate requesting of equipment, personnel and vehicles for rescue operations through PA OEM, stock room, requested vehicles from automotive, as well as service for vehicles on scene, all overheating due to dust in the radiators, air intakes
- established staging area at BMCC, with assistance of the college personnel-names available for recognition
- began organization of staging areas for personnel, equipment
- with assistance from P.O. Olzewski began to organize area for rescue equipment, as well as receive equipment and distribute the same to personnel in the field

Since this is to be recorded in the annals of Port Authority history there needs to be made mention of several groups of persons within the Port Authority whose untiring effort made our mission possible. First and foremost SEMAC needs to be included as a group who responded to our every request. They performed every task in the early days of this incident. From searching the rubble to hooking up electricity for the command post they were there. Their response to this incident earned them a place in any disaster response plan. PA Automotive also was immediately on the scene providing virtually any request for assistance including non automotive functions. Both of these departments can be extremely proud of the vital on scene assistance they provided. One of the behind the scenes groups which needs to be acknowledged for their performance, is the central stockroom they made every request for equipment a possibility.

Finally having been responsible for the logistics on scene, I feel compelled to mention the person at the PA OEM who fielded 90 % of our requests equipment and vehicles. Mr. Charles Agro of the purchasing department was an essential element of our operation. He assisted in so many ways that printed matter does not do it justice.

Charles Agro
#464
U.S. 2/6/02

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To: Chief Morris
From: Sgt. Fong
Date: 02 / 26 / 02
Subject: Sept 11, 2001 Chrono Response for Sgt. Fong
Dear Sir:

On September 11, '02 the undersigned responded to work from home after learning of the attack from television news reports at 0900 hrs. At approximately 0940 hrs. the undersigned loaded up vehicle #5305 with P.O. Moore with all available scott paks and spare scott bottles for transport to the WTC site. Accompanied by P.O. Hennessy and 2 (unnamed) Police Officers Veh #5305 arrived 3 blocks north of the WTC and parked. The undersigned donned a scott pak and proceeded toward the WTC to assist in rescue operations already commenced. While approaching the WTC on West Street, WTC #2 began its collapse. The undersigned retreated northward with other civilian and emergency personnel to avoid falling debris and dust. Initial regrouping of PAPD personnel took place in a NYC public school located on West St. north of the WTC. That site had to be immediately evacuated for fear of an explosive device thought to be placed inside of the building. All command operations were then taken to Manhattan Community College after its building was secured. The undersigned along with other PAPD ESU units were assigned into squads at this location for rescue operations. At approximately 1745 hrs the undersigned took part in recovering #2 DOA as documented by the NYC Morgue Unit. The victim, a male approximately 35 yrs old was recovered from being underneath a parked NYPD patrol car on West St. 1/2 block north of the walkway bridge. Police Officers Connors, DePietro,

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cont... and McQuade were on scene for this operation. Search and rescue operations continued and included the search for Police Officer George Howard, JFK Command who was last seen near the corner of West St. and Vesey St. Into the hours of the night the undersigned assisted in transporting emergency equipment and gas generators to the area of the WTC where Sgt. McLoughlin and P.O. Jimeno were known to be trapped.

P.O. R. Bates, PATH Command was with the undersigned at the time of transporting needed equipment given to emergency personnel whom eventually rescued Sgt. McLoughlin and P.O. Jimeno. On the morning of Sept. 12, '02 the undersigned was assigned to an ESU squad and transported to the collapse site for continued search and rescue operations. At 1900 hrs on Sept. 12th 2002 the undersigned along with other ESU members were relieved from the tour of duty.

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BUCKSLIP

TO: Edward Gutch
FROM: Dennis P. Stafford
DATE: March 4, 2002
SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO TERRORIST ATTACK – SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

Attached please find the information pertaining to September 11, 2001.

On September 11, 2001, the undersigned worked the 6x2 tour as the tour commander for the Path and World Trade Center commands. At approximately 0815 hours, Sergeant Robert Kaulfers and the undersigned commenced a facility inspection of the New Jersey Posts starting with _____ in Hoboken.

Officer John Noble was assigned to _____ 7x3 tour, and upon our arrival in Hoboken he was observed in the crosswalk actively controlling pedestrian and vehicular traffic at the intersection of Hudson and River Streets.

At approximately 0845 hours, a loud explosion was heard. However, the source had not been discovered until shortly thereafter when passengers awaiting bus service alerted us and pointed to the World Trade Center. Giant huge plumes of smoke and fire were observed emanating from the upper floors of Tower #1. A radio transmission was made by the undersigned to the Path Police desk concerning the observation and that an immediate response of ESU personnel was authorized. The undersigned also reported that this unit was en-route. The initial report consisted of a small commuter aircraft striking the building.

The undersigned quickly directed Sgt. Kaulfers to remain in New Jersey to take charge of crowd control problems and as the assigning of responding personnel that were being called by the Police Desk to report for duty as "early call-ins." Officer Noble was advised to remain in Hoboken to assist with crowd control and passenger assistance personnel from Path.

At this time the undersigned attempted to catch a Hoboken-WTC Path train to rendezvous with Sergeant A. Devona to ascertain and assess the situation. As the undersigned rushed down the stairs to the train platform, a train was just closing the doors and preparing to depart the station; this would be the last train to depart the Hoboken station for the World Trade Center. The undersigned quickly responded back up to the street level and contacted Sergeant Kaulfers to stand-by for transportation to the World Trade Center.

Apparently the second aircraft had struck the South Tower (Tower 2) while the undersigned and Sergeant Kaulfers were in the Holland Tunnel, therefore, knowledge of the second attack was not known to the undersigned until later. Upon emerging from the Holland Tunnel the smoke and fire from Tower #1 obstructed our view of Building #2.

Upon our arrival at the World Trade Center, Barclay Street ramp, the undersigned made contact with Detective D. Rogers, who reported that initial information was being received from witnesses in the vicinity of West Broadway and Barclay Streets that a missile may have been fired from the American Express Building into Tower #1.

Sergeant Kaulfers immediately informed the undersigned that he would respond to the WTC Police desk and acquire a radio for use by the undersigned to establish communication with that command. The undersigned intended to make contact with responding police units from other commands to establish a temporary command post.

Chief Romito, Captain Mazza, Lt. Cirri, and members of the Police Academy staff were assembled at the Barclay St. ramp standing by to enter Tower #1. Chief Romito advised the undersigned to assemble a second search and rescue team and direct them into Building #2. The chief wanted to ensure that all responding units have the proper emergency equipment prior to entering the buildings. As officers from the Lincoln Tunnel, George Washington Bridge, and CVI units arrived, they were advised to don the appropriate equipment and report, via radio, to their respective commands that they were entering Building #2 to conduct evacuations.

Sergeant Kaulfers returned to the Barclay Street ramp and turned over a WTC radio to the undersigned. He then departed that location and headed back toward Tower #1 to assist with the evacuation.

Officers Froehner and Lennon exited from the Barclay St. ramp and reported that additional equipment was needed prior to re-entering the building. At this time, Officer Petruzullo was assigned to the PATH Emergency Services vehicle to ensure that no one would enter or remove anything from the vehicle.

Officer Accardi arrived shortly thereafter driving the mobile command post. The undersigned, ascertaining that the WTC command and the NYFD had established their command posts in the lobby of Building #1, decided to have the command post vehicle set up in the vicinity of Building #1 to establish a unified command post operation. It was very difficult communicating with personnel responding from other commands without compatible radio frequencies. Officer Middleton, Lincoln Tunnel, was directed to position his vehicle in front of the Barclay Street ramp and to direct arriving personnel to report to the front of Tower #1 – intersection of West and Vessey Streets.

The command post vehicle was initially going to be parked in front of Tower #1 (vicinity of VIP Drive), however, the area was jammed with fire apparatus and the street was obstructed by fire hoses. A decision to relocate the vehicle north on West St. was made by the undersigned.

The undersigned then departed the command post vehicle and carefully stepped over multiple body parts and torsos that had cluttered the sidewalk as people were jumping or falling from Tower #1.

The undersigned entered the building via a broken window because the revolving doors were damaged and apparently inoperable.

Upon arrival in the lobby contact was made with Sergeant Alan DeVona, Captain Whitaker, Inspector Norris and Chief Hall. As the units were conferring when an unidentified Port Authority Employee, possibly an engineer, advised all units in the lobby that this area was unsafe; especially if the elevators located adjacent to the NYFD Command post lost power and fell to the lobby level. Upon impact they would crash through the metal doors causing metal shards to be hurled in all directions as shrapnel. Shortly after this warning a radio transmission was received reporting that the FAA had information stating that a third plane was inbound and advised all units to evacuate the buildings. With this information, the undersigned strongly suggested to a Fire Chief that this area should be evacuated and a new command post re-established. Chief Hall ordered the mobile command post to be repositioned across the street next to the Financial District at the intersection of West and Vessey Streets (west side of the street). The Chief and other personnel started to cross over the northern walkway towards the Financial District.

At this time, Officer LeMagne contacted the undersigned and requested that an EMT unit be dispatched to his location in the lobby of Tower #2. The officer reported that a woman had fallen from an elevator shaft and was in dire need of emergency medical aid. Officer Bulger, was just entering the lobby of Tower #1 and was immediately directed to respond over to Building #4, in front of the Victoria Secrets store, to make contact with a triage medical team that was reportedly set up there. Officer Bulger immediately complied and left the area.

Officer McIntyre transmitted, via radio, to the undersigned that his group, including Officer Scala and two unidentified officers, were in Tower #2 inspecting floors #1 through 30.

Lt. Kassimatis transmitting on the PATH, R2, frequency reported that a Senior Staff member was being requested for a rendezvous with Mayor Guliani and Police Commissioner Kerek at the intersection of Barclay and West Streets. The undersigned acknowledged the request and reported that contact would be made with Chief Hall, who was presently en-route to the World Financial District to re-establish a safer command post operation.

Once contact was made with Chief Hall, we exited the financial district and began walking east on Vessey St. toward Building #7 to meet the Mayor and Police Commissioner. The Chief directed the undersigned to remain with him. As our group proceeded eastbound a loud roar was heard and we ran into a loading dock, subsequently identified as the loading dock of Building #7, for refuge. Approximately 60 to 70 people crowded into a small passageway that led into the building. Someone had opened a door at the end of this passageway and when opened black smoke was evident inside the building. With this egress

unavailable, everyone was compelled to exit through the loading dock which was now completely filled with black soot and pieces of debris from the collapsing building. Utilizing a human chain we managed to escape further harm or injury and escaped to West Street.

Once free of the debris field, the undersigned requested the police desk to raise all police units and have them rendezvous on West and Chambers Streets. The police desk conducted radio checks but with minimal success. Continuous attempts to raise police personnel assigned to PATH were made advising them to report to the new command post location.

Shortly thereafter a second loud roar was heard and a new debris field was sent cascading north on West Street forcing all police and fire personnel to flee northbound for safety.

Subsequently, Chief Hall and Inspector Morris decided that a new command post would be established in Manhattan Community College.

LT. STAFFORD
Report
3-4-02

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey



Handwritten

TO: Chief Joseph Morris
FROM: John Flynn
DATE: March 5, 2002
SUBJECT: RESPONSE- 9-11

COPY TO: File

As requested, the following is a chronological account of my activities on September 11, 2001. To the best of my knowledge and recollection this account is accurate.

On September 11, 2001 at approximately 0850 hours I was in route to the Port Newark Police Command when my wife called me on my cell phone and informed me that an airplane struck the WTC.

Upon my arrival at Port Newark I secured a marked vehicle, (CVI Suburban) and responded to the WTC. I notified the PATH Desk via cell phone and advised Sergeant Holland that I was going to the scene. Sergeant Holland advised me that emergency units and patrol units were on scene and that "its bad".

At the entrance to the Holland Tunnel it was apparent that the tunnel was closed to all traffic except for emergency vehicles. Port Authority Police, Jersey City Police, Port Authority Tunnel Operations personnel and Port Authority maintenance enforced this closure.

At the entrance to the tunnel I met Inspector Sbarra (former Captain, Commanding Officer HT). The Inspector informed me he had witnessed the second plane strike the North Tower and that both towers were burning. Inspector Sbarra, after advising the Tour Commander accompanied me to the WTC Command. Upon arrival, we parked on Park Pl and West Street and proceeded to the Command Post on West and Vesey. It was apparent that many Port Authority Police Units were mobilizing at that location and I was directed

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by Chief Morris (former Inspector Morris Commanding Officer LGA) to organize the response and to ensure accountability of the mobilized officers prior to assisting in the rescue effort already underway.

I requested all members who responded with emergency equipment, Bunker Gear, SCBA, and Tools to form up for team and work assignments. All other members of the force were going to be used for security purposes and relief of the first teams on scene. Team assignments were going to consist of one supervisor or squad leader and five Police Officers. The next order given by Chief Morris was to evacuate the area. The order to evacuate was underscored by the sound of an imminent collapse. As a large cloud of dirt and debris approached, I watched daylight turn to night. My biggest fear was suffocation in the enveloping cloud that consumed the entire area of lower Manhattan. I placed a helmet over my face and dove for the ground. Minutes seemed like hours. I found a hose line on the ground and started to crawl North on West Street looking for the nozzle. I eventually found it in the area of Park Pl and West. I turn the nozzle on and directed the stream upward. This allowed me to wash my face and mouth, to catch a breath and to establish a gross decon.

As black turned to gray, shadows started to appear. Some were walking, crawling or were being dragged North on West Street. I started to decon people with a water fog as they passed by with particular attention to the facial area. EMS treated as many victims as possible however; many people refused treatment and just wanted to get out of the area.

I knew from past experience that Truck One (1) PATH would deploy from West Broadway and Vesey Street. I made my way down to that location in hope of finding members of the unit who would regroup at the Truck. The Truck was parked on West Broadway and Vesey and all SCBA and high angle rescue equipment had been deployed. Using the PATH R2 radio, I call to all units to regroup to Chambers and West. I did not receive any acknowledgement to the transmission. I relocated Truck One (1) to Chambers and West via West Broadway to Barclay and Barclay to West Street. At Chambers and West Street I attempted to establish a gross decon using Fire Apparatus and hand lines. This operation was curtailed due to the collapse of the North Tower. I found shelter in the cab of Truck 1 and was soon joined by three other unknown individuals. The scene from earlier was repeated with the addition of rubble striking the cab and body of the truck.

As the dust settled, I directed officers to move North of Chambers Street. In an attempt to seek shelter, and to establish a base of operations we entered the courtyard of the Borough of Manhattan Community College. Chief Hall was on scene along with

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other senior staff. The front door was breached and all members were order inside for shelter and roll call. All available equipment was staged inside of the courtyard in an attempt to regroup and commence rescue operations. Shortly thereafter, it was reported there was a secondary device in IS 89, which was across the street. At this time it was also reported that a passenger jet crashed into the Pentagon. All units and equipment were evacuated from the auditorium and the courtyard and relocated to North Moore and West. I requested the Port Authority Police K9 EDT to search and secure the gymnasium prior to allowing Police Officers to enter. Once the area was secure, a security perimeter was established and all officers were directed to go inside for a return roll call and a situation update.

I requested permission from Inspector Ceccarelli to take an ESU team down to the WTC site for the purpose of recon and to better assess the damage and its impact on the Port Authority Police. The following ESU officers were members of that team.

Sergeant John Flynn
Police Officer Tibor Toth
Police Officer Mike Kuligoski
Police Officer Richard DePietro
Police Officer Bill Connors

The team equipped with the appropriate personal protective and rescue equipment went south on West Street to the Barclay Street ramp. It was here that we found vehicle 5308 at the base of the Barclay Street ramp. We attempted to make entry into the truck dock, however we encountered multiple rounds of ammunition were going off. Vehicle 5308 was removed and parked on the top of the ramp and two hat shields were recovered. (Command Post was advised of the numbers). Vehicle 1305 was observed parked on the corner of Greenwich and Barclay and was heavily damaged from falling debris. It was impossible to remove any vehicle from the area due to the amount of building debris strewn on the ground. The team continued to make its way to Church Street where the scene was surreal. We expected to see injured victims and or responders only to witness an eerie silence. We moved to Liberty Street and made our way to Greenwich. Access to West Street from Liberty was completely blocked by remains of the towers. The team worked its way around the financial center and through the Winter Garden. We exited on Vesey Street and ultimately onto West Street. Police Officer George Howard JFK Truck 8 was found on the North West corner of West and Vesey. Officer Howard was covered by debris and was the victim of an apparent head trauma. The command post was notified and Chief Hall responded to the scene. Police Officer Howard was transported to the temporary morgue facility on site. Upon our return to the command post I briefed

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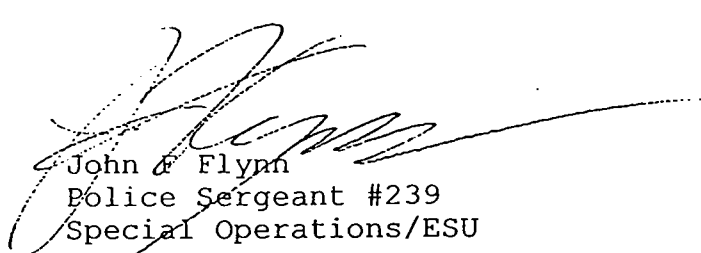
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Inspector Ceccarelli (and others) as to what we found or better yet did not find.

At some point in time I returned to the site with my team and commence in the rescue effort underway. The Command Post transmitted that members of the Port Authority Police were located in the rubble, however they were trapped. Myself along with the remaining members of the Emergency Service Unit responded to the Liberty Street side of the complex. Rescue workers were snaked up the rubble pile. The time line escapes me, but I do remember starting at the bottom of the pile, passing SCOTT Bottles, Air Bags, Hurst Tools, Generators, Drugs and water up to the front of the line. In due time I was at the head of the line due to the rotation of manpower to the rear for relief. The smoke was choking and the heat emanating from the pile melted the soles of my boots. My team and myself along with others Police Officers, Firefighters and Civilians operated in an area that resembled the biblical description of HELL. I was present when Police Officer Will Jimino was extricated from beneath the rubble. I gave words of encouragement as we handed him down to the long line of rescue workers on the pile and ultimately to a waiting ambulance. I was present when someone stated they were talking to McLaughlin, he was pinned and it would take at least eighth more hours to get to him.

I was physically and mentally exhausted, I worked my way down along with my team to the bottom of the pile and to the triage area inside of BROOKS BROS. I saw Capt Sbarra and Lt. Leather. I entered the Triage area, went on oxygen, washed my face and rested on the floor.

I arrived back at the North Moore Staging Area and fell asleep. The next morning we all started again.



John A. Flynn
Police Sergeant #239
Special Operations/ESU

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January 29, 2002

To: Lt. E Gutch

From: P.O. David Leclaire # 759

Attack on the World Trade Center 9/11/01

On tues., 9/11/01, at approximately 0846 hours, P.O. J. Camera and myself were standing on the North East corner of Jersey Ave. & 12th St., facing the World Trade Center. We observed an aircraft, flying south, slam into the top of the north tower. The concussion from the resulting explosion was felt where we stood. We both immediately attempted to reach our commands, myself using my cell phone, but it wouldn't connect and P.O. Camera with his hand held radio to the Holland Tunnel command. I summoned P.O. Edwards to come downstairs, explaining that an aircraft hit the top of the tower. He responded in disbelief. We both raced back to the firing range for equipment, knowing we would be mobilized. By this time we were informed that a second plane had hit the south tower and I turned to PO Edwards and stated, this is a terrorist attack, grab your vest and a flashlight. We also mobilized Sgt.'s Kreuger and Marten and PO A. Rodriguez. Using marked vehicle# 5302, We raced to the scene and arrived approximately 0910 hours.

We parked one block north of the north tower, across the street from the Barclay St. ramps. In the mass confusion, Inspector Fields directed us to go to West St.. We did and cautiously approached Tower 1, first peeking around the parking garage under 6 WTC. We observed that the glass at the bottom of Tower 1 was blown outwards. We ran and entered, at the north west corner through the blown out glass. People were yelling, "Hurry up, shit's still falling. Once inside more chaos prevailed and we observed Inspector Norris talking and directing people. Less than one minute after entering tower 1 we heard the multiple sounds, of what we soon realized were human bodies, hitting the ground and canopy cover over VIP drive. P.O. Froehner, in his soaking wet ESU equipment, approached our group and gave his observations. As a group we met up with P.O. C. Davis and went to an emergency room somewhere to the south of the top of the PATH escalators and down a corridor. Very little equipment was found there. We left leaving Sgt. Kreuger and P.O. Davis and once again found ourselves near the top of the PATH escalators. We proceeded past the escalators and turned right.

The group proceeded out but I stayed behind with an FBI agent, who was standing alone. I thought that a uniformed presence would greatly enhance the evacuation process. The FBI agent turned to me and stated, "We're tracking a third plane." At this point I started running between the escalators and the FBI agent to expedite the evacuation and also see if more people were coming or had everyone mostly got out. It looked as if the procession of people wasn't going to end. I had to physically grab people and get them to leave because they were stopping to use the pay phones. EMS personnel were

transporting injured from the area using flat bed hand trucks. Some time later I heard a noise, sounding like an earthquake, growing louder and louder. I thought this was the third plane nose diving into the building. I frantically ran again towards the escalators to see how many more people were left, attempting to get as many away from this immediate area. Suddenly there was a monstrous explosion with extremely high wind and debris and the lights went out immediately. I was physically picked up and hurled across the concourse slamming into a wall. I found myself choking and attempting to get back up but the wind and flying debris prevented this. While attempting to get up I felt that the walls above me had blown out. Just as suddenly, it became eerily silent. No moans or cries or any sounds of any kind. Just complete blackness and I was choking. I was now disoriented as to my position within the building. I picked myself up, drew out my flashlight, turned it on and only saw a halo of light at it's end. All I could see was this pea soup of a brown/black cloud flying past what little light I had. I started calling out to see if anyone was near me or if I was entombed. I started yelling, "If anyone can hear me, come to my voice, I have a flashlight," over and over again. Suddenly a man in a suit appeared to my left. Then a man in a white shirt appeared in front of me. And I could hear other voices behind them, moans too. I continued yelling for people to assemble by me. And as best I could muster I told this group we were getting out of there. I grabbed the suit, he grabbed the white shirt and I think so on down the line. I did an about face and using the flashlight started walking in to the unknown. People were yelling this way, he has a flashlight in the distance. I have no concept time wise. I eventually bumped into a wall and decided to turn right. I found the end of the wall and realized that it was a finished wall and not blown out. I stepped around it and immediately went down, but the ground met my foot and I realized that this was a stairway and proceeded further ahead. Several minutes later I barely saw the overhead lights and realized that I had found the entrance to the subway. I informed the group of my find. I quickly learned that the power was still on in the subway and had everyone hug the wall. We found the stairs to the street and started up. I then observed a NYC cop lying on the first landing clutching his right knee. I picked him up, threw his arm over my shoulder told him, we're getting out of here buddy. We got to the street and walked east on Vesey St. towards Broadway. While walking I was spitting out a black substance I at first thought was blood then realized it was soot and ash. Once on Broadway, I turned the officer over to EMS. Then firefighters rushed to me and began handing me jugs of water saying flush out your eyes and system. I remained at Broadway and Vesey flushing. Some time later, time unknown, I heard a man screaming, "Run north, run north," over and over. I looked back towards the cloud over the trade center and observed the antenna and the top of the tower below it start to sway and slide. I thought to myself, this can't be happening but started to run north to Park Row. I got as far as the front of J&R music world when it seemed the ground heaved and I stopped and turned and saw this ungodly cloud with debris flying out of it rushing towards me. I knew I couldn't out run it so I lied down flat on the ground, head first into the cloud. I was having an extremely hard time breathing.

My first thoughts were what happened to Mike and the others and would they be able to save those buildings. About 15 minutes later I was able to see enough, through the cloud to get off the ground and onto the sidewalk. Again I looked for stores to get some water to flush. I roamed around making my way to Beekman Downtown Hospital area where I was given some water. I walked back to Park Row and recognized the man in the

suit that I had a death grip on. He was a NYC detective, he said his name but with all the concrete and ash packed into every crevice of my face, neck and ears, I hardly heard him. I thought he said the person with the white shirt was either a NYC Inspector or Chief. I observed Det.'s John Fitzgerald and James Wheeler and we spoke briefly. They left and the NYC Det. stayed with me. I turned around and saw P.O. Iorio walking past, I called him and we stayed together. We heard people saying Pace University had water and phones if we needed them. So we walked toward the school. Once inside people were attempting to help us. One student used eye drops on me to soothe the burning in my eyes. We stayed for a while and then proceeded across the street to go back to the trade center. I was stopped by a NYC Sgt. who asked, "Officer do you know where you're going?" I replied no. His calming voice and pointing finger showed that I was better off walking along Chambers St. I still had no idea that the towers had collapsed. PO Iorio and myself walked west on Chambers St. until we reached West St. I observed multitudes of firefighters, rescue workers and some command stations. I started asking if anyone knew where ours was and was directed further north. I found our command station and was first met by PO Camera, who started to bring me into the triage area. Then I remember seeing Lt. M. Grogan and PO DePietro who both practically carried me up the stairs. I then saw my partner Mike walking down the stairs and yelled for him. I also PO Sharon Miller who started crying the instant she saw me. Once through the doors of the triage area, I saw and heard unknown amounts of our officers yelling and clapping, not knowing why they were doing so. I was told that I had been listed among the missing. Lt. D. Carbonaro secured my gun, belt and vest. I was transported to the hospital via NYC ambulance. Once at the hospital I was interviewed by an NYPD IAB Detective and gave my observations. I was treated and released from the hospital that same evening. Hospital personnel had me speak to crisis counselors before leaving. PO Iorio and myself were transported back to the command station by 2 NYPD Sgt.'s. It was in the hospital that I learned of the towers collapse and the loss of life.

As an update, I have found out the name of the city Det. , it's Mike or Michael Keaton. Squad or pct number unknown. I'm attempting to reach out to him and find out who the man in the white shirt is. I think we should have a reunion among ourselves.

I was at the command post when the news came in as to the discovery of Sgt. McLoughlin and PO Jimenez. I started to go but was told to go back to my command and I complied. I returned to the range and remained there for many hours lost in thought. This account is submitted for your knowledge and information.

Respectfully,

PO David Leclaire # 759
Firearms Training Unit

Gutch, Edward

From: Simonetti, Ray
Sent: Friday, February 01, 2002 7:18
To: Gutch, Edward
Subject: FW: Please forward to PA Police

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-----Original Message-----

From: Rea, John
Sent: Friday, February 01, 2002 7:14 AM
To: Simonetti, Ray
Subject: FW: Please forward to PA Police

-----Original Message-----

From: ray [mailto:rays44@optonline.net]
Sent: Friday, October 05, 2001 10:58 AM
To: John Rea
Subject: Please forward to PA Police

Jim Barbella and I met Chief James Romito, Captain Kathy Mazza and Lieutenant Robert Cirri on the Barclay street loading dock in front of the old B1 level police desk at around 9:30 AM. I am not sure of the exact time. There were three to four officers with them but I do not know who they were. They recognized Jimmy and I and they knew we worked for the World Trade Department. Chief Romito ask us how we were and we told him we were Ok. He stated that there was a report that people were stuck in Windows on the World - 106 Tower One. One of them asked us to show them the quickest way up to Windows using the stairs since we worked in the building. We went up the stairs next to the old police desk. On the way up the stairs I asked the officers to turn on the WTC three channel 800Mhz Trunk system that was never officially commissioned. I informed them that they would be able to communicate throughout the facility. When we got out of the stairs on the Mall in front of Ben Jerry's we stopped and checked the WTC three channel 800Mhz Trunk system operation and I noticed the system was not working. At this point I informed them that I would go to the radio room to try to get the WTC three channel 800Mhz Trunk system working. I remember Kathy Mazza saying "lets go we are going up the stairs to 106." Jimmy Barbella went with the police and I went back to the OCC to get the radio room keys. That was the last time I saw them.

I have been interview by a reporter from the Wall Street Journal who is working on a story about Jim Barbella and other hero's that day. I told him what is stated above.

Get this to Ron Stryker or the Captain we saw last night

Thanks

Ray Simonetti

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
HAND-WRITTEN MEMORANDUM

To: Capt. Hanna

From: Pt. B.M. Vargas #191

Date: 01/31/02

Subject: SEPT. 11, 2001 WORLD TRADE CENTER.

Attached is a copy of the Bengen Record Reliving my story. The last of life and the devastation I saw that day will live with me forever.

I am alive today for three (3) reasons. The first is God the Almighty, second is my will to live, AND third is P.O. E.J. Finnegan from the World Trade Center Command.

On that day, while at the Lincoln Tunnel Police Command, I was directed by Captain Mackery to assemble a group of Police Officers to respond to the World Trade Center. I believe I took 15 Officers to WTC. Due to the traffic, we all got there at different times and locations. Officer Greenstein and myself arrived at the corner of Church / Vesey Street, we were directed by Inspector Norais into Building #5, bottom of the escalator to help individuals out the building. I was not prepared for the horrors I saw that day. I saw individuals with flesh coming off their bodies, hair zinged, lacerations on all parts of bodies, AND A tremendous amount of despair. Those people

Signature Pt. B.M. Vargas #191

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
HAND-WRITTEN MEMORANDUMTo: Capt. HannaFrom: Pvt. G. M. Vargas #191Date: 01/31/02Subject: Sept. 11 - WTC Terrorist Attack.

Saw us as salvation. It was imperative for these people to see us under control. I wanted to portray calmness not create a stampede and get more people hurt. Officer Greenstein and myself gave directions and little information on what had transpired. Our mission was to assist those persons evacuate the building. I saw Dets. Wheeler and Fitzgerald at the bottom of the escalator attempting to gather data on what had happened. They left. I walked to the WTC Police Desk and saw Officers Magget and Murray. I remember glancing to my right and seeing Sergeant John McLaughlin dressed in his firefighting equipment pushing a cart with oxygen tanks. He was aware of the enormity of the situation at hand. As I walked back, I saw P.O. Ramon Perez, Transit Police - District #4, whom I knew from my Transit Police days and trained. We exchanged pleasantries and promise to get together. Officer Ramon Perez died in the WTC collapse. I also saw Sergeant Bobby Kaulters on Church Street walking with 2 radios, intently trying to make

Signature Pvt. G. M. Vargas #191

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
HAND-WRITTEN MEMORANDUM

To: Captain Hanna

From: Pvt. G. M. Vargas #191

Date: 01/31/02

Subject: SEPT. 11 - WTC TERRORIST ATTACK.

KNOW OF WHAT WAS TRANSPIRING. He later died. God Rest his soul. I met Officer Houston working plain clothe. We hugged and also exchange conversation and promised to go together, we lived in the same town. He later died. I was surrounded by death and did not know it. I walked over to Building #1 to assist Sergeant DeVona. The smell of fire, the pool of water on the floor, all the emergency workers: Police, Fire, EMT, Port Authority employees - all calm, unflappable, giving their all for others to get out. We never, ever imagined those towers would even fall, including the entire nation. Sergeant DeVona directed me over to the concourse area of 2 WTC and 4 WTC for a triage post. While at that location, I hurriedly evacuated lingering security guards and anyone else in my travels. I have attached a copy of an article that appeared in the Bergen County Record on September 19, 2001 recounting my nightmare as Building (Tower #2) came down on me. I did not know what had happened but I later knew I had "eaten death; it wasn't my turn. Thank you Lord!!!"

Signature Pvt. G. M. Vargas #191.

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
HAND-WRITTEN MEMORANDUM

To: Captain Hanna

From: Det. G.M. Vargas #191

Date: 01/31/02

Subject: Sept. 11 - WTC Terrorist Attack.

IN good CONSCIENCE AND SINCERE APPRECIATION, I must take this opportunity to give Police Officer Finnegan, WTC Police Command, tremendous accolades for saving my life AND the other two (2) individuals he helped take out the ruins of Tower #2. Officer Finnegan though badly injured brought us to safety through Vesey Street. He was truly remarkable. God Bless him. The other Officer was respectful AND afforded me extreme care since I sustained injuries.

We later found out the magnitude of the collapse AND how lucky we were to be alive. Unfortunately 37 of my brothers AND sister died that day but they will Always live through every single one of us who continue to do The JOB.

Det. G.M. Vargas #191
Signature
LH 4/11/02

I have read and am familiar with this report

SUPERVISOR - SUPERIOR

ATTACK ON AMERICA

Sonya Houston,

describing her 4-year-old son
Hasan's drawing of the tragedy

"This is the tower here and this is the plane. Over here are the flames, and his daddy is there in the corner. See? The flames don't touch him."

THE VICTIMS

Three police officers meet different fates

By DOUGLASS CROUSE

Staff Writer

For a brief moment amid the madness of smoke and screams Sept. 11, three Port Authority patrolmen paused in a basement plaza of the World Trade Center and greeted each other as brothers.

The encounter was warm but hurried. The three men — Robert Vargas and Uhuru Houston of Englewood, and Edward Finnegan of Staten Island — stood for a minute at the eye of a gathering storm such as the city and nation had never before seen.

For Vargas and Finnegan, it was their first meeting in four years. In just a half-hour, wounded and staggering after the first tower fell and the world grew dark, they would meet again. But Houston, a gentle prosecutor his family calls "Bee," would not be so lucky.

At 8:50 a.m. Sept. 11, Vargas was making patrol rounds in Weehawken when the radio crackled. His supervisor's words ripped through the morning calm:

"A plane just hit the World Trade Center, Bobby. Get as many of the

One rushes to the rescue, but is never seen again

run up into one of the towers. That was the last time I saw him."

Aware of the tall task they faced, Finnegan set off in one direction and Vargas in another.

An inspector directed Vargas to the sub-concourse level, near a line of retail stores and the entrance to the PATH trains.

People dashed or lumbered by each officer — some with burnt hair, or cuts and scrapes, or skin pulling away from their bodies. Vargas braced himself against the shock of what he was seeing.

Half an hour later, he was still on the sub-concourse level under Two World Trade Center when it began to fall.

"I heard a blast and felt this wind. I saw six or seven firemen to my right and saw the wind and debris send them flying like rag dolls."

Running, he turned a corner and felt a rush from behind that sent him flying — first through the air, then

skimming along on his belly. He could feel the debris pelt his back, his legs, his arms, the sides of his face. His mouth and eyes filled with chalky dust. For a time, he lay bleeding on the ground.

When Vargas opened his eyes, he told himself, "I'm alive." All was darkness. His eyes burned. Closing them tight, he held his arms out and stepped forward. Debris reached his waist.

A thought invaded Vargas' mind: In the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center, he recalled how the parking deck blast had punched holes in the building platform above.

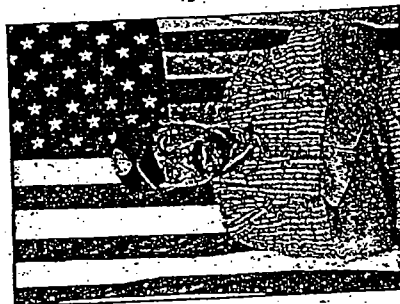
"I could step in a hole and fall to my death," he thought. But what choice was there but to keep walking? Vargas was wobbling on dust when he glimpsed a tiny point of light.

"Is someone there?" he said. "Bobby, is that you?" It was Finnegan.

"Yeah, Eddie, it's me."

"Bobby, just keep walking toward the light."

Vargas obeyed and stumbled into Finnegan and another cop who walked along with him. The three men hugged, even as they realized



ROBERT VARGAS
"I'm just a survivor"

Together, they confront a new world.

In the 80 years prior to Sept. 11, the Port Authority lost seven officers in the line of duty, according to the department yearbook. In one day last week, they lost 35.

"My brothers that died, those are the true heroes," Vargas said. "I'm just a survivor with a tale to tell."

they had no idea where they were. Finnegan had a large gash on his arm and had tied pantyhose around it as a makeshift tourniquet. The men held onto each others' shirts and began moving.

Sweeping the darkness with their Maglite, they sought the names of familiar stores. Eventually they came across Coach and from there, they knew the way.

Last Wednesday, Vargas called his buddy Houston. His wife, Sonya, picked up.

"We haven't heard from him," she said. "Where was he? What direction did he go in? What did he say?"

For an instant, Vargas was confused. He had a different picture in his mind when he and Uhuru Houston embraced so seemingly long ago. In it, he saw two pals getting together over beers to discuss one of the biggest days of their lives.

"I just figured, 'Well, we'll see each other again when all of this is over,'" Vargas said, rubbing the wounds on his arm. "I thought, 'We'll be able to catch up then.'"

Vargas and Finnegan have spoken seven, eight, maybe nine times since they found each other in the dark.

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THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NY & NJ

Memorandum



TO: Lieutenant Ed. Gutch
FROM: Sergeant Robert Greff
DATE: January 24, 2002
SUBJECT: WTC 9/11/01

COPY TO: Lincoln Tunnel, file

On September 11th, 2001 I was a police officer assigned to the 7x3 tour at the Lincoln Tunnel. While on the NJ toll plaza I observed smoke coming from the World Trade Center. PO J. Mattiace and I rushed to the communications desk and informed then Captain Mackesy. The news reports were now saying that a plane had struck the building. Within minutes we were mobilized to the WTC. I left the LT in vehicle #5361 along with PO R. Corbo and PO S. Adelhelm. In the vehicle in front of mine were PO J. Skala and PO P. Lucas. We all arrived as the second plane struck Tower #2. We left our vehicles parked on Greenwich St. I observed approximately 15 bodies' fall from the towers. PO Skala and I made our way across Vesey St. and towards entrance to building #5. As we approached, we were told by an unknown PAPD ESU Sergeant not to enter the buildings without a Scott Air Pack. We returned to the vehicles and found only 1(one) Scott Pack. PO Skala, being a paramedic as well as a police officer, opted to take the Scott Pack. I assisted him in donning the Scott Pack, handed him a First Aid kit and watched as he walked towards West St. with several officers from the Path command. I took his gun belt and weapon and secured them in my vehicle. I then returned to the corner of Vesey and Barclay St. and met up with members of the NYPD and FBI. I was told that a third plane might be on its way. At this time I observed about 5 or 6 people coming up from the Barclay St. ramp. I, along with an NYPD officer, went down the ramp and assisted them in exiting onto the street. We then continued walking down the ramp and towards the parking areas, looking for people who may be trying to exit. We felt what I can only describe a shudder in the building and then ran towards the exit. We ran up the Barclay St. ramp and made a right onto Vesey St. I turned to look up at the buildings as Tower #2 began collapsing. I ran east on Vesey and then turned north onto Church St. I then assisted 4 or 5 people into the Federal Government Building. One of the people, a male in his fifties, had a large gash on his left shoulder and arm. A NYPD Sergeant and I attended to his wound by rinsing it with water and dressing it with a shirt we found in an empty office. I, along with several members of the NYPD, FBI and many civilians, took shelter in the building until the smoke and dust cleared and we were able to see the sky clearing. We left the building and most of the people I was with went north on Church St. A few NYPD officers and I agreed that we needed to go back towards the buildings. I

believe it was at this point that I met up with PO Batista. A few words were exchanged and Tower #1 began to collapse. We went north on West Broadway until the cloud caught up with us and we found shelter in a store. We waited until we could see light and began to make our way back towards the site. Along the way I found PO Hall who had just emerged from the rubble. PO Hall's eyes were covered with black soot. He could barely see. I rinsed out his eyes and assessed him for other injuries. He stated he was okay and we continued back towards the buildings. About a block away we heard several small explosions. We proceeded towards West St. and found that the explosions were caused by cars that were burning. As we continued towards the site we found PO R. Beatty and Sgt. C. Kruger. PO Beatty had severe burns on this arm and Sgt. Kruger was coughing and gasping for air. Both were in shock and in need of immediate medical attention. I yelled for someone to flag down an ambulance and we tried to stabilize Beatty and Kruger as much as possible until one arrived. Moments later an ambulance arrived and we assisted with first aid. Both Beatty and Kruger were transported to local hospitals. At this time we heard several more explosions. We then saw a mass of people running north on West St. A NYPD Captain told us that they believed there was a bomb in the Financial Center and told us to evacuate the area. We all proceeded north to a temporary Command post area. We were then evacuated farther north to the college on N. Moore St. I assisted in the set up and stocking the Command Center and assisted in the "head count" of the officers that survived the collapse of the towers. Prior to the collapse of Building #7, Lieutenant Doubraski and I responded to that area to remove police vehicles that were left there. At this time we found PO Lim wandering around the streets. PO Lim was obviously in shock and kept stating that he was looking for his dog. We physically had to put PO Lim into my patrol vehicle and I transported him to the Command center. I remained at the Command center for most of the day, assisting with the stocking of supplies and the removal of police vehicles from the surrounding areas.

Robert Greff
Sergeant/Investigator
Special Investigations Unit

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The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
HAND-WRITTEN MEMORANDUM

To: Captain D.Hanna
From: PO A. Greenstein
December 9, 2001
Subject: September 11, 2001

On September 11, 2001, at approximately 08:55, this reporting officer, with Sergeant R Vargas responded to the W.T.C. attack with PA Police vehicle 5147.

We pulled up to WTC building #5 on Vesey Street, but were unable to park our vehicle at this location, so I moved the vehicle up to the Southwest corner of Church and Vesey Sts. At this time we exited the vehicle, and observed Sgt R Kaulfers walking northbound on Church Street towards us. We exchanged a few words and he then continued to walk down Vesey St towards West St. We were then approached by Inspector Norris, who had us follow him into WTC building #5 and down onto the concourse level. Inspector Norris, told us to stay at the bottom of the escalator and to assist with the evacuation of the building. This was the evacuation route for WTC building # 1, which leads through the concourse pass the path escalator and up the escalator through building # 5, to the street. Sgt Vargas and I were stationed at the base of the escalator. There were two NYC police officers at the top of the escalator and a FBI agent under the escalator directing evacuees towards us.

I observed that all the stores in this area of the concourse level were closed, empty and intact. I also observed the evacuees from Tower #1 were wet from the fire sprinklers and also passing my way were burned victims. A female station manager for the MTA approached us and she told us that all the train stations at the WTC were closed. No trains will be stopping at the WTC. She

also told us that there was a homeless man sleeping at the subway entrance to my right. She then asked if there was anything thing else she could do to help. We asked her what her orders were from her command. There were none, so we told her to exit the building. I then left Sgt Vargas and went over to the wake the homeless man and had him exit WTC building # 5.

, We continued to direct the evacuees up the escalator. At this point I heard my name being called. It turned out to be Sgt S. Prospero, who was with a group of evacuees. Sgt Vargas then told me he was going to see what else is going on the concourse level and left my location. This was the last time I had contact with him, until later that evening when I was told that Sgt Vargas was injured. I continued to assist the evacuees up the escalator. At this point I was approached by a Path maintenance man, who asked if he could help me with anything. I asked him if he could turn both escalators on and up. He was able to do this. I then thanked him and told him to exit the building. By having him turn on the escalators we were able to assist walking wounded and others out of the building more quickly.

Over the NYC Police radio there was a transmission that a third plane was heading towards us. I looked up to the top of the escalator, made eye contact with the NYC Police Officer's and looked straight ahead at the FBI agent. We then continued to assist with the evacuation.

Sometime later the escalators suddenly stopped, the lights flickered and went out, and a woman screamed. The whole area turned pitch black and I was unable to see or breathe. The building started shaking and there was a very loud roar. I covered my head, moved to my left away from a store's glass and crouched down. At this time I remembered I had a handkerchief in my pocket to use over my nose and mouth. I don't know why this woman screamed, was it because of the lights going out or if she saw the debris cloud coming up behind me.

After the shaking and rumbling stopped, the NYC Police officers at the top of the escalator yelled down that the exit was

blocked, but they were going to try something. They told us to come up and they had kicked the doors in at Borders Books, so we were able to exit onto the street.

I then got to Police vehicle # 5147, radio the Lincoln Tunnel that there was a collapse at the WTC and I was clear of the building. I was then handed a bottle of water from either a NYC fireman or Police Officer. I was able to flush out my eyes with their help. I then opened the trunk to the vehicle to get the Scott pack out and the first aid kit. I then activated and put on the Scott pack. I then teamed up with some NYC Police Officers from ESU #6 and then we reentered WTC #5 to look for victims and to search the escape route back to WTC #1. We meet up with other searchers by the path escalators. They told us that the escape route from WTC #1 was clear of victims. We then tried to make our way toward Victoria Secrets through the concourse, because we heard over the radio there was a triage set up over there. We were unable to get through the concourse level because of the ceiling falling and our way was also blocked by debris. At this time, I also noticed that most of the stores were still intact. We then exited up through building #5 and the NYC ESU Officer informed me that they had a temporary command post set up in 30 Vesey Street. We entered 30 Vesey Street and there was an Sgt from Special Services who was on the phone with One Police Plaza. He then set up an entry team of NYC ESU #6 officers and a fire Company. I joined in with this entry team. We started to reenter WTC #5 when three fireman came running out of the building and yelled "It's coming down!"

We then ran back to 30 Vesey St, informed the Sgt. who ordered us all down to the basement away from the glass in front of the building. The building started to shake and we heard a loud roar. After the building stopped shaking and the roar ended we came up from the basement and looked out the doors. Everything was covered in a gray dust and was burning. The Sergeant then ordered all of us, no matter who we were to evacuate this building and go to our left to City Hall.

When we got to City Hall the Sgt told me to come with him into the City Hall mobile Command Post. When we entered the command post I heard they were trying to contact the Command posts by the WTC and was unable to get a hold of any one of them. I advised them that over my radio I heard that we were regrouping at Chambers St. One of the NYC Police Chiefs told me to contact the situation room at One Police Plaza and find out if there was a Port Authority Police Officer there. If not, he wanted me to go there. I tried to contact the situation room, CPD, the Lincoln and the Holland Tunnel by landline and cell phone. All tries failed. I then went to inform the Chief of my failed tries. I was unable to find him, so I decided to leave the Command post and head back to the WTC.

On my way back to the WTC I found Det. McHale. I tried to radio the Lincoln Tunnel but was unable to get through, so I tried the Holland Tunnel and informed them that we were ok and to start a list of officers clear of the buildings. We then came across a WTC officer and radioed the Holland Tunnel. As we continued back to the WTC we met up with PO E. Grey, Brown & Eric Rodriguez and radioed the Holland Tunnel.

When we got back to the WTC location at Church and Vesey St. the Fire Dept. had a pumper at this location and most of the fires were out. We then started to clear the street of debris so the damaged trucks and cars could be moved away from the building. I then got to vehicle # 5147 and it started, so I moved it to North Moore & West Street.

I reported to Lt. Doubraski at the M.C.C. gym and told him what had happened. He then ordered me to see the doctors at the aid station for my eyes and right arm. After I was treated, I started back to WTC with PO Hall and some other C.V.I. officers and found Lincoln Tunnel police vehicles 5101, 5102 and 5361. I then drove 5102 back to North Moore and West Street. I then found Lt. Doubraski and informed him I found vehicles 5101 and 5361 and they were still usable. LT Doubraski, PO Greff, Pikard Christensen and myself went back to get the vehicles. When

we arrived where the vehicle were parked I observed PO D. Lim was trying to get back into the WTC. He was in shock and wanted to find his dog. We put him in vehicle 5361 and took him back to N. Moore & West Street. I walked him into the aid station and informed the doctor of his shock condition. I then took his gun belt and gave it to one of the Path Officer to lock it up on the Path ESU, truck. At this time I returned back to the aid station to be treated for my eyes again. I tried to find out what happened to Sgt. Vargas, but nobody knew anything. When I finally returned to the Lincoln Tunnel I found out he was injured.

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11/10/02