



U.S. ARMY CONDUCTED MASS CASUALTY DRILL FOR PLANE CRASH INTO PENTAGON. . . . **ALMOST ONE YEAR BEFORE THE REAL ATTACK ON 9/11 COINCIDENCE OR FORE-KNOWLEDGE?**

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Washington, D.C., October 24-26, 2000 — The fire and smoke from the downed passenger aircraft billows from the courtyard. Defense Protective Services Police seal the crash sight. Army medics, nurses and doctors scramble to Arlington Fire Department chief dispatches his equipment to the affected areas.



Don Abbott, of Command Emergency Response Training, walks over to the Pentagon and extinguishes the flames was a model and the "plane crash" was a simulated one.



Above: Emergency planners move model fire trucks to simulated plane crash at Pentagon

Left: Model plane burns inside model Pentagon

The Pentagon Mass Casualty Exercise, as the crash was called, was just one of several scenarios that emergenc teams were exposed to Oct. 24-26, 2000 in the Office of the Secretaries of Defense conference room. **This "ex place just short of a year BEFORE the real plane attack which struck the Pentagon on September 11.**

On Oct. 24, 2000 there was also a mock terrorist incident at the Pentagon Metro stop and a construction accident. Some of the scenarios that were practiced to better prepare local agencies for real incidents.

To conduct the exercise, emergency personnel held radios that were used to rush help to the proper places, while representing rescue equipment were pushed around an exercise table.

Cards were then passed out to the various players designating the number of casualties and where they should be scenario.

To conduct the exercise, a medic reported to Army nurse Maj. Lorie Brown a list of 28 casualties so far. Brown then superior, Col. James Geiling, by radio. Geiling was a doctor in the command room across the hall.

Geiling approved Brown's request for helicopters to evacuate the wounded. A policeman in the room recommended bodies and Abbott, playing the role of referee, nodded his head in agreement.

"If you have to move dead bodies to get to live bodies, that's okay," Abbott said as the situation unfolded.

Geiling remarked on the importance of such exercises.

"The most important thing is who are the players?" Geiling said. "And what is their modus operandi?"

Brown thought the exercise was excellent preparation for any potential disasters.

"This is important so that we're better prepared," Brown said. "This is to work out the bugs. Hopefully it will never happen the way we're prepared."

An Army medic found the practice realistic.

"You get to see the people that we'll be dealing with and to think about the scenarios and what you would do," Sgt. said. "It's a real good scenario and one that could happen easily."

A major player in the exercise was the Arlington Fire Department.

"Our role is fire and rescue," Battalion Chief R.W. Cornwell said. "We get to see how each other operates and the responsibilities of each. You have to plan for this. Look at all the air traffic around here."

Each participant was required to fill out an evaluation form after the training exercise.

"We go over scenarios that are germane to the Pentagon," Jake Burrell of the Pentagon Emergency Management play the way you practice. We want people to go back to their organizations and look at their S.O.P. (standard operating procedure) and see how they responded to any of the incidents."

Burrell has coordinated these exercises for four years and he remarked that his team gets better each year.

Abbott, in his after action critique, reminded the participants that the actual disaster is only one-fifth of the incident. The whole emergency would run for seven to 20 days and might involve as many as 17 agencies.

"The emergency to a certain extent is the easiest part," Abbott said. He reminded the group of the personal side of "Families wanting to come to the crash site for closure."

In this particular crash there would have been 341 victims.

NOTE:

As part of our ongoing effort to take a critical look at the events of September 11, The Hal Turner Show obtained this directly from The US Army's "Military District of Washington" Command. The information contained in this story is by the Army itself.

COMMENTARY:

After the terrorist attacks of September 11, uncovering the fact that this "drill" took place a year ahead of the real question "Was this drill a coincidence, or was it planning for something the Pentagon already KNEW was going to

The airspace around Washington DC is supposedly the most heavily protected in the world. Andrews Air Force base is just outside Washington, DC. Yet despite the fact that federal authorities in Washington, DC knew two planes had crashed into the World Trade Center in New York City and that a third plane was deviating from its flight plan out of Washington's D.C. fighter jets were scrambled from Andrews AFB to intercept that plane, which ultimately struck the Pentagon.

September 11 sure "looks" like a series of terrorist attacks. But it is clear to this writer that it was an inside job, a plot to disloyal Americans in our own government.

Why isn't Congress investigating? Maybe because THEY are "in" on this scam?

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