





DHA **Armed Forces Medical Examiner System Remembers September 11, 2001**






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DHA **September 11, 2001**




Flight 175
Flight 11



Picture from since911.com

Flight 77



Picture from defense.gov

Flight 93



Picture from sbmhistorymedia.org

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DHA **Pentagon and Somerset Incidents**

- **Pentagon: 188 Missing and unknown individuals**
 - 64 individuals on the plane and 124 building occupants
 - All recovered decedents were sent to Dover
 - Condition ranged from intact to highly fragmented
 - 946 samples were collected for DNA analysis
- **Somerset: 44 Unknowns**
 - Due to high impact crash remains were highly fragmented
 - 592 samples were collected for DNA analysis

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DHA **AFMES Pentagon Response**

- **First 24 hours**
 - How many and who was missing
 - Jurisdiction
 - Who is in charge: Virginia or Federal
 - Investigative agencies
 - Pentagon Police, FBI, NCIS, OSI, CID, NTSB, Arlington Police
 - Staffing
 - Supplies
 - Dover Air Force Base

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DHA **Multi-Faceted Approach for Death Investigation at Port Mortuary**

- EOD
- Triage –photo documentation
- Bar Coding
- FBI Fingerprinting
- Full body digital x-ray
- Postmortem dental exam/x-ray
- Autopsy
- Samples for DNA testing
- Embalming
- Wrap and Dress
- Transportation



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DHA **AFMES Somerset Response**

- Remained under local jurisdiction
- DMORT team dispatched to assist
 - Head anthropologist from the AFIP
 - Two pathologists
 - Additional support personnel
- AFMES provided DNA collection support

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DHA **AFMES Pentagon Timeline**
September 2001

Timeline details:

- 9: Pentagon Attack
- 11: Jurisdiction Move supplies Advance team
- 14: 5 pathologist First remains; 10 Pathologists, 7 Anthropologists First cases complete
- 17-20: 20-25 autopsies/day; Dissociated remains
- 23: Final autopsy; 5 pathologists
- 29: Final dissociated remains evaluated 2800+ specimens

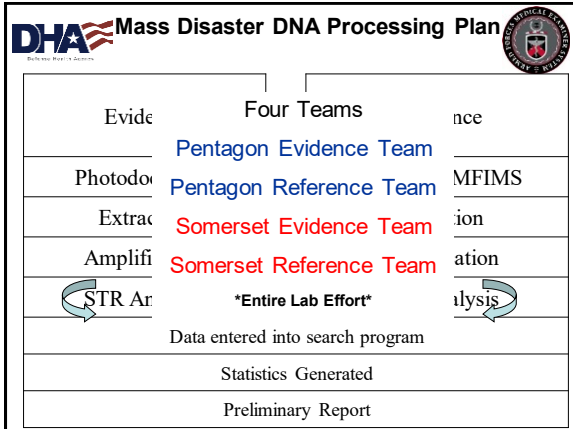
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DHA **DNA Processing Time Line**

Timeline details:

- September 14: 1st set of Pentagon Evidence
- September 18: 1st set of Somerset Evidence
- November 8: Evidence extractions complete
- November 15: Pentagon ID Complete
- December 27: Evidence extractions complete
- December 11: Last Somerset Identification

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DHA **DNA Processing Plan in Action**

- Day 1-2 Extract
- Day 2 Quant
- Day 3 STR AMP/Analyses
 - ABI 377 PRISM
- Trouble Shooting
 - No STR results
 - Amplify more template
 - Re-extract more sample

**12-16 hour work days shifts
7 days a week**

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DHA **DNA Processing Plan in Action**

Week 1: 60 extractions/day (40 Pentagon and 20 Somerset)

Week 2: 100 extractions/day (80 Pentagon and 20 Somerset)


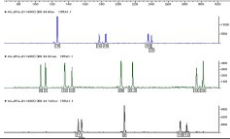
Pentagon:
65 gels/1954 analyses

Somerset:
35 gels/1200 analyses

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DHA **Mass Disaster Plan in Action**

- Profiler Plus
 - 9 loci system
 - Nuclear section and QC personnel responsible for
 - ABI-377 DNA Sequencer
 - Loading teams
 - QC personnel
 - Data Analysis
 - Anyone signed off for STR analysis

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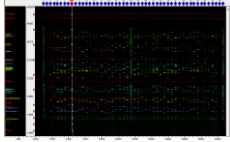
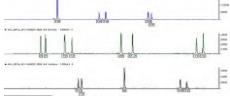
DHA **Results**

Pentagon

21 samples (1.8%) produced no result or insufficient data to render a conclusion

Somerset

50 samples (8.4%) produced no result or insufficient data to render a conclusion

Mixtures:
Pentagon: 15 samples
Somerset: 6 samples

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DHA **Pentagon Results**

188 Victims - 183 Unique DNA Profiles



- 70 - DNA
- 29 - DNA and Fingerprint (FP)
- 59 - DNA and Dental
- 20 - DNA, FP, and Dental

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Five DNA profiles that did not match reference material were released to the FBI for further investigation.

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DHA **Somerset Results**

44 Victims - 44 Unique DNA Profiles

- 26 - DNA
- 7 - DNA and Fingerprint (FP)
- 5 - DNA and Dental
- 2 - DNA, FP, and Dental

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Four DNA profiles that did not match reference material were released to the FBI for further investigation.

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DHA **Lest We Forget**






9/11 Memorial & Museum NYC AP/Wide World



Tower of Voices Flight 93 Memorial AP/Photo






9/11 Memorial Pentagon OWDS


1. All of the fallen
2. All the families of the fallen
3. Those who are still missing
4. All the individuals that assisted with the recovery and identifications.

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