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Subject: Ongoing Timeline Report – United Airlines Flight 93 Crash

Timeline of Events – September 11, 2001 (Flight 93)

08:42 AM

- Flight 93 departs from Newark International Airport.
- Flight crew and passengers board; routine departure procedures in effect.

09:28 AM

- Hijackers initiate takeover of Flight 93.
- Communication logs indicate sudden loss of cockpit control.

09:30 AM

- Passengers become aware of the hijacking; initial signals received from cabin communications.
- Intelligence channels begin intercepting emergency chatter.

09:35 AM

- Passengers launch a coordinated effort to regain control of the aircraft.
- In-flight recordings capture the struggle; signals of organized resistance are noted.

09:57 AM

- Flight 93 crashes into a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.
- Impact confirmed by flight data recorders and initial emergency reports.

10:00 AM

- Air Traffic Control receives first reports of the crash.
- Local authorities are notified; emergency protocols activated.

10:15 AM

- Incident declared a terrorist attack; emergency response teams are dispatched.
- First responders are en route to the crash site.

10:45 AM

- Investigation teams mobilize; on-scene intelligence gathering commences.
- Initial evidence collection begins, with focus on cockpit data and passenger testimony.

11:00 AM

- Public announcement issued by DHS regarding the Flight 93 incident.
- National security briefings updated in real time.

11:30 AM

• Ongoing analysis initiated: Flight data, surveillance footage, and eyewitness accounts are being systematically reviewed.

Summary:

This report provides a real-time timeline of events on the day of Flight 93's crash. The detailed sequence is critical for understanding the rapid evolution of events and for coordinating subsequent investigative and response measures. Continuous updates are being integrated as further intelligence is received.