



Isabella Catania

Grade 8, Computech Middle School, Fresno Unified

THROUGH THE EYES OF A HERO

September 11, 2001, 8:46 AM:

Flight 11 hit the North Tower killing all 92 people onboard.

9:03 AM:

Flight 175 hit the South Tower, killing all 65 people onboard.

9:37 AM:

Flight 77 crashes into the Pentagon, killing all onboard and 125 military members on site.

10:03 AM:

Flight 93 crashed into an open field in Pennsylvania, killing all onboard.

First responders got there as soon as they could. Some didn't even know what happened.

19 hijackers, 3000 killed in total

While others ran out, they ran in

The pentagon engulfed in smoke

Flames erupted in both towers

On that day, Orio Joseph Palmer led his team of firefighters all the way up to the 78th floor of

The south tower in an attempt to save the people who weren't able to escape on their own

Tragically, he lost his life due to the south tower collapsing

He died heroically doing what he took an oath to do

There are many untold stores just like this that were never able to see the light of day

412 first responders in total lost their lives on 9/11

An amazing thing happened the day after though

The country united as one

People of all backgrounds

People of all religions

People of all races united as one

For 9 months after that, it was cleanup

Rebuilding what could be rebuilt

Replacing what could be replaced

Healing what could be healed

That day forever embedded in the minds of our nation

Never forgetting the first responders who lost their lives doing what was right

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for being the heroes we needed

For being the heroes we need