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"I was stranded in traffic on route 27 (approx 0937), ten feet from the Columbia Pike turn-off listening to the events of the world Trade Center, when the American Airline jet crossed the highway approximately 25 yards in front of me and crashed into the approximate area of the Fourth Corridor, of the newly renovated wing. ASN(FM&C) Office of Budget was located at 4E459 inner side of the E-Ring. I remember thinking that I needed to get to my office and see if there was anything that could be done.

Next people starting to leave their cars, some stood and watch as others started to panic looking for anywhere to go for shelter or just to get out of the area. Hearing the emergency vehicles back in traffic, I started to get people back into their vehicles in order to clear a lane or at least the shoulder for emergency vehicles.

I then proceeded to the North Lot and starting walking towards the North Entrance. Upon reaching the POAC entrance, I was asked to assist in getting people to the Triage area and keep non-medically trained personnel out of the area. Then the report came in that there was another plane approximately 2 minutes out and we needed to clear the area; myself and CDR George Navas proceeded to get all personnel out from the north entrance.

By this time, there were several DPS officers on hand and there was no longer a need for my services, so I departed the scene.

Very respectfully,

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