

Appendix G

TIMELINE OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS DURING THE ATTACKS

Tuesday, September 11, 2012¹
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3:42 pm / 9:42 pm—First attack on the Benghazi Mission compound begins.

4:21 pm / 10:21 pm—The White House Situation Room convenes a meeting.

4:32 pm / 10:32 pm—The National Military Command Center [NMCC] at the Pentagon is notified of the attacks.

5:00 pm / 11:00 pm—Secretary of Defense, Leon E. Panetta, and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Martin E. Dempsey, meet with the President at the White House.

5:10 pm / 11:10 pm—The first Drone arrives in Benghazi.

5:23 pm / 11:23 pm—All State Department personnel evacuate to the Benghazi CIA Annex. Ambassador Christopher Stevens is unaccounted for.

5:38 pm / 11:38 pm —The Secretary of State calls David H. Petraeus, Director, Central Intelligence Agency.

¹ Eastern Daylight Time (Washington, DC) and Eastern European Time (Benghazi) are used.

6:00 pm / 12:00 am—The Secretary of Defense convenes a meeting at the Pentagon.

6:49 pm / 12:49 am—The Secretary of State calls the Libyan President.

6:58 pm / 12:58 am—Gregory Hicks, Deputy Chief of Mission, Tripoli, reports another mob gathering at Annex.

7:05 pm / 1:05 am—The Secretary of State holds a conference call with Cheryl Mills, Chief of Staff, State Department, Patrick F. Kennedy, Under Secretary for Management, State Department, Gregory Hicks, Deputy Chief of Mission, Libya, Stephen Mull, Executive Secretariat, State Department, Thomas Nides, Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources, Jacob Sullivan, Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy and Director, Office of Policy Planning.

7:19 pm / 1:19 am—Jeremy Bash, Chief of Staff, Department of Defense emails potential response forces to Jacob Sullivan, Cheryl Mills, and others.

7:30 pm / 1:30 am—Team Tripoli arrives at the airport in Benghazi.

7:30 pm / 1:30 am—The White House convenes a meeting via secured teleconference video with representatives from the State Department, the Defense Department, and the intelligence community on the U.S. response to the attacks in Benghazi.

7:40 pm / 1:40 am—The Embassy in Tripoli receives a call from a missing Diplomatic Security Agent phone about an American at the hospital.

8:30 pm / 2:30 am—NMCC holds a conference call with AFRICOM, EUCOM, CENTCOM, TRANSCOM and the four services about the military response to Benghazi.

8:39 pm / 2:39 am—The NMCC conveys authorization to the FAST to prepare to deploy and the CIF to move to an intermediate staging base.

8:53pm / 2:53 am—The NMCC conveys formal authorization to deploy the U.S. Based Special Operations Force to an intermediate staging base.

9:57 pm / 3:57 am—Bash emails Sullivan and asks, “Any word from the hospital?”

10:27 pm / 4:27 am—The President calls the Secretary of State.

10:34 pm / 4:34 am—The Diplomatic Security Command Center at the State Department issues an update that Libyans have confirmed Stevens is in a hospital and has been killed.

10:39 pm / 4:39 am—Kennedy sends a photo of Stevens from Twitter to Mills.

11:00 pm / 5:00 am—The established N-hour.

11:05 pm / 5:05 am—Team Tripoli arrives at the Annex in Benghazi.

11:17 pm / 5:17 am—The first mortar hits the Annex in Benghazi.

11:38 pm / 5:38 am—The Secretary of State emails: “Cheryl told me the Libyans confirmed his death.”

11:41 pm / 5:41 am—Diplomatic Security Command Center reports mortar fire at the annex and new injuries to the American personnel.

11:45 pm / 5:45 am—A McDonough email notes the Secretary of Defense called Pastor Jones.

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12:05 am / 6:05 am—AFRICOM orders a C-17 aircraft to prepare to deploy to Libya.

12:12 am / 6:12 am—Mills informs McDonough “we’re pulling everyone out of Benghazi.”

1:00 am / 7:00 am—The CIF is ready to deploy

1:19 am / 7:19 am—Admiral James Winnefeld, Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, emails we “now have dip clearance for FAST platoon to Tripoli ...”

1:31 am / 7:31 am—The first plane leaves from the Benghazi airport with the survivors *en route* to Tripoli.

1:40 am / 7:40 am—Winnefeld sends another email: “first airplane departs Ramstein at 0600z [2:00 am / 8:00 am]”

2:15 am / 8:15 am—The C-17 aircraft departs Germany to Tripoli to evacuate Americans.

2:25 am / 8:25 am—Steven’s death is confirmed when the security officers from CIA and the State Department receives his body.

~ 4:00 am / 10:00 am—The second plane provided by the Libyan Air Force departs with all remaining U.S. personnel in Benghazi for Tripoli.

~ 6:00 am / 12:00 pm—A C-130 aircraft arrives at Rota Spain to transport the FAST to Tripoli.

~ 7:00 am / 1:00 pm—The FAST completes loading the C-130 aircraft and is ready to depart.

~ 10:00 am / 4:00 pm—The FAST departs Rota Spain *en route* to Tripoli.

~ 10:00 am / 4:00 pm—The CIF's C-130 aircrafts arrive at the airport.

~ 11:00 am / 5:00 pm—The CIF departs *en route* to the intermediate staging base.

~ 2:00 pm / 8:00 pm—CIF arrives at an intermediate staging base.

2:56 pm / 8:56 pm—FAST platoon arrives in Tripoli.

3:28 pm / 9:28 pm—The Special Operations Force deployed from the U.S. arrives at the intermediate staging base.

4:19 pm / 10:19 pm—The C-17 aircraft with Americans evacuated from Tripoli arrives in Germany.

The following timeline, the “Comprehensive Timeline of Events – Benghazi,” provides further detail about the events that occurred during the attack. This is a timeline of events compiled by the State Department using information obtained from the DVR footage of the Benghazi Mission compound and the Annex, as well as interviews, and logs maintained at the Tactical Operations Center at the Embassy in Tripoli and at the Diplomatic Security Command Center.

The Committee makes this timeline available to the public with the following corrections:

- Time stamp 0503.00: The “unidentified LN Motorcade” was not February 17 Martyrs Brigade. It was the Libya Shield.
- Time stamp 0614.00: The motorcade that arrived was the Libyan Military Intelligence.

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Comprehensive Timeline of Events - BenghaziSource Material

This timeline is constructed from DVR footage of the U.S. Special Mission Compound (USSMC) and U.S. Special Mission Compound Annex (Annex) from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) as well as FBI interviews conducted with relevant parties in the days immediately following the events, logs of events maintained by the Tactical Operations Center at U.S. Embassy Tripoli and at the Diplomatic Security Command Center (DSCC), and the DSCC phone logs. No further information has been utilized. All information sources for events are listed in the far right column.

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Time References

Analysis of both DVR systems indicates that the Annex DVR system's timestamp is 02 minutes and 04 seconds behind the timestamp for the USSMC. For accuracy, the time adjusted to the USSMC system has been provided in the "Synched to USSMC" column. In addition, a comparison of observed sunrise with recorded sunrise by the U.S. Naval Observatory, while imprecise, does provide assurance that times provided by both DVR systems are accurate to within a few minutes of real time. (Recorded Sunrise: 0622 Observed through treeline by Annex Camera 5: 0628 on Sep 12, 2012)

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| DVR Time (Local) | Synched to | | Event | Source |
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| | USSMC | Location | | |
| 1939.26 | | USSMC | 2 Individuals (presumed to be Ambassador Stevens and Turkish dignitary) walk through garden north of Villa C to Gate C1. | USSMC 12 |
| 1940.08 | | USSMC | Vehicle departs to East (presumed to be Turkish dignitary). | USSMC 8 |
| 1941.34 | | USSMC | Individual (presumed to be Ambassador Stevens) returns from Gate C1 through garden to Villa C vicinity. | USSMC 12 |
| 2010.09 | | USSMC | Motorcade x3 enters compound from Gate C1 (presumed to be British security team). | USSMC 12 |
| 2027.26 | | USSMC | Four individuals depart USSMC (presumed British security team). | USSMC 12 |
| 2102.50 | | USSMC | Supreme Security Council truck arrives at C1. | USSMC 8 |
| 2142.14 | | USSMC | Supreme Security Council truck departs C1 Gate. Occupant(s) never exit vehicle. | USSMC 8 |
| 2142.20 | | USSMC | 2 Local National Guards (Blue Mountain Libya) seen fleeing south from Gate C1. | USSMC 4 |

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| 2142 - 2202 Approx | | USSMC | [redacted] moves to Villa C. Places Ambassador STEVENS and IPO Sean SMITH into safe haven | [redacted] |
| 2142.43 | | USSMC | 2 LNG run to Villa B followed by [redacted] and [redacted] run to Office. [redacted] runs to Villa B. | USSMC 6, 1 |
| 2142.53 | | USSMC | 1st Explosion near C1 Gate | USSMC 12 |
| 2143.20 | | USSMC | 20-30 armed intruders seen moving right to left on road outside compound near C1 Gate | USSMC 4 |
| 2143.50 | | USSMC | Armed intruders seen on compound | USSMC 12 |
| 2144.00 | | USSMC | 2nd Explosion near C1 Gate | USSMC 8 |
| 2144.58 | | USSMC | [redacted] and [redacted] attempt to move to Villa C but see multiple armed intruders blocking Alley. They return to Villa B and barricade inside. | USSMC 6, [redacted] |
| 2145-2232 Approx | | USSMC | [redacted] and [redacted] remain inside Villa B | [redacted] |
| 2144.58 | | USSMC | Armed intruders seen in Alley between Villa B and Villa C | USSMC 5 |
| 2145 | | Tripoli | RSO Tripoli notified of attack | Tripoli TOC Log |
| 2145.38 | | USSMC | Embassy Vehicle Stolen and C3 Gate left Open | USSMC 10 |
| 2146.33 | 2148.37 | Annex | Annex Personnel begin donning body armor | Annex 8 |
| 2147.13 | | Tripoli | ARSO ([redacted] Tripoli) calls DSCC for 1 min, 3 sec | DSCC Call Record |
| 2148.36 | | USSMC | 2 Attackers dragging 1 LNG - probable wound to leg. | USSMC 9 |
| 2150.27 | | USSMC | 2 armed intruders find 1 LNG hiding behind TOC | USSMC 2 |
| 2154.13 | | USSMC | 1 armed intruder makes first unsuccessful attempt to breach TOC. | USSMC 1 |
| 2157.13 | | USSMC | 1st Fireball at QRF / Guest House | USSMC 4 |
| 2201.23 | | USSMC | 2nd Fireball at QRF / Guest House | USSMC 12 |
| 2202.07 | | USSMC | Heavy smoke at location of Villa C suddenly visible from Alley. | USSMC 5 |
| 2202.25 | | USSMC | Heavy smoke suddenly visible from Camera 9 mounted on Villa C. | USSMC 9 |

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| 2202-2235 Approx | | USSMC | [redacted] becomes separated from STEVENS and SMITH in Villa C due to smoke. [redacted] receives SAF upon exiting via window. [redacted] searches Villa C multiple times and ultimately retreats to Villa C rooftop. | [redacted] [redacted] |
| 2202.42 | | USSMC | Multiple armed intruders breach Villa B. | USSMC 1 |
| 2203.20 | 2205.24 | Annex | 2 Vehicle motorcade (armored) departs Annex. Mercedes G-Series Wagon and Mercedes Sedan. Presumed departure of Annex QRF Team | Annex 6, 8, 13, 14 |
| 2203.53 | | USSMC | Multiple armed intruders make second unsuccessful attempt to breach TOC. (Note: TOC is not breached during the attack) | USSMC 1, 6 |
| 2208.11 | | USSMC | Presumed tracer rounds seen streaking by. [redacted] reports receiving tracer fire from beltfed machine gun. | USSMC 6, [redacted] [redacted] |
| 2205.00 - 2209.10 | | USSMC | The majority of armed intruders on compound appear to exit out of Gate C1. | USSMC 9, 12, 6, 1 |
| 2214.00 | | USSMC | Last armed intruder seen by camera on compound moving past Villa C toward Gate C1 | USSMC 9 |
| 2215 | | Benghazi Unknown | Annex QRF en route and taking fire | Tripoli TOC Log |
| 2217.29 | | USSMC | [redacted] moves from TOC to Villa B | USSMC 1, 6 |
| 2232.59 | | USSMC | [redacted], [redacted], and [redacted] move Villa B to TOC to get FAV. | USSMC 1, 6 |
| 2235.25 | | USSMC | [redacted] and [redacted] drive FAV from TOC to Villa C. | USSMC 6, 5 |
| 2236.35 - 2237.05 | | USSMC | [redacted] and [redacted] attempt entry to Villa C | USSMC 12 |
| 2238 | | USSMC | 17 February Martyrs' Brigade arrives at compound | Tripoli TOC Log |
| 2239.26 | | USSMC | DS Agents interact at Villa C w/ Unknown male - possible 17 February QRF Member | USSMC 9 |
| 2240.00 | | USSMC | Multiple armed LN arrive at Villa C. Likely members of 17 February Martyrs' Brigade. | USSMC 9 |
| 2241.50 | | USSMC | FAV moves back to TOC (to retrieve gas masks). | USSMC 6, 5, 9 |
| 2243.22 | | USSMC | FAV returns from TOC to Villa C (presumably with gas masks). | USSMC 6, 5, 9 |

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| 2247.22 | | USSMC | Dark Colored Vehicle parks at C1 exterior. Presumed to be 1st of 2 Annex QRF elements. Footage after indicates personnel (likely militia) holding north side perimeter | USSMC 4 |
| 2248.30 | | USSMC | 2nd of 2 Annex QRF elements enters compound on foot through C3 Gate. Footage after shows personnel (likely militia) holding south side perimeter. | USSMC 10 |
| 2249.32 - 2307.15 | | USSMC | DS Agents, Annex QRF, and 17 February Martyrs' Brigade members attempt search and rescue of Villa C. | USSMC 12 |
| 2256.34 | | USSMC | Annex QRF element and 17 February Martyrs' Brigade members enter TOC after [redacted] opens door. | USSMC 1, [redacted] |
| 2258.17 | | USSMC | [redacted] departs TOC w/ 2 USG laptops. | USSMC 6 |
| 2301 | | USSMC | Sean SMITH reported KIA | Tripoli TOC Log |
| 2304.07 | | USSMC | Annex QRF members x2 depart TOC with unknown equipment (possible encryption device for ClassNet laptops) | USSMC 6 |
| 2305.25 | | USSMC | USSMC Exterior Lighting goes offline | USSMC 12 |
| 2307.45 | | USSMC | Dark Colored SUV moves onto compound through C1 Gate - likely Annex QRF SUV - FAV Mercedes G-Series Wagon staging for evacuation. | USSMC 4 |
| 2310.00 | | USSMC | Unknown explosive detonates several meters interior to C3 Gate. | USSMC 10 |
| 2312 | | USSMC | Annex QRF reported inside compound | Tripoli TOC Log |
| 2316.24 | | USSMC | Dark Colored SUV (presumed to be FAV Toyota Land Cruiser containing 5x DS Agents + body of Sean SMITH) departs C1 Gate heading east. | USSMC 4 |
| 2316.39 | | USSMC | Dark Colored SUV (presumed to be FAV Toyota Land Cruiser containing 5x DS Agents + body of Sean SMITH) crosses camera POV heading west. | USSMC 4 |
| 2317 | | Benghazi Unknown | All DS Personnel w/ SMITH depart compound en route to Annex. FAV receives SAF | Tripoli TOC Log |
| 2318.42 | | USSMC | Multiple SAF and small explosions in vicinity of C3 Gate | USSMC 10 |

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| 2319.07 | | USSMC | Large dark colored SUV (presumed to be FAV Mercedes G Series Wagon containing Annex QRF Team) departs C1 Gate heading east. Multiple individuals (presumed to be February 17 Martyrs' Brigade Militia members) depart C1 Gate on foot. | USSMC 4 |
| 2319.44 | | USSMC | RPG launched through open C3 Gate. Multiple SAF continues. | USSMC 10 |
| 2319.52 | | USSMC | Unknown explosive detonates directly interior to C3 Gate. | USSMC 10 |
| 2320.37 | | USSMC | RPG launched through open C3 Gate. Multiple SAF continues. | USSMC 10 |
| 2320.50 | | USSMC | Unknown explosion - exterior to C3 Gate | USSMC 10 |
| 2320.51 | | USSMC | Unknown explosion - exterior to C1 Gate | USSMC 4 |
| 2321.47 | 2323.51 | Annex | Dark Colored Toyota Land Cruiser arrives at Annex. Presumed to be 5x DSS Agents from USSMC | Annex 6, 8, 13, 14 |
| 2323.44 | | USSMC | Camera 10 for the C3 Gate goes offline | USSMC 10 |
| 2324.22 | | USSMC | Unknown explosive round (possible mortar?) recorded passing overhead of Gate C1 and impacting in vicinity of north road near Villa A. | USSMC 4, 7 |
| 2330 | | Annex | [redacted] reports arrival at Annex | Tripoli TOC Log |
| 2330-0530 | | Annex | Annex receives sporadic SAF and RPGs | [redacted] |
| 2336.24 | 2338.28 | Annex | Mercedes G Series Wagon returns to Annex | Annex 6, 8, 13, 14 |
| 2340.52 | 2342.56 | Annex | Possible flare or tracer round passes overhead to North | Annex 10 |
| 2342.56 | | USSMC | Possible flare or tracer round x2 passes overhead - moving west to east. | USSMC 6 |
| 2345.46 | 2347.50 | Annex | Mercedes G Series Wagon moved to physically block primary entrance into Annex. | Annex 8 |
| 2345.53 | | USSMC | Unknown armed intruders (presumed rioters/looters) walk north from C3 Gate. | USSMC 9 |

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| 2346.54 | | USSMC | Armed intruders approach TOC, loot FAVs | USSMC 6 |
| 2348.40 | | USSMC | Camera 6 for USSMC TOC goes offline | USSMC 6 |
| 2349.09 | | USSMC | A mix of armed and unarmed intruders enter TOC | USSMC 1 |
| 2351.42 onward | | USSMC | Armed and Unarmed Intruders begin removing gear and papers from TOC. | USSMC 1 |
| 2354.40 | | USSMC | QRF / Guest House shows new or renewed fire. | USSMC 4 |
| 2355.40 | | USSMC | Camera 9 covering the C3 Drive goes offline | USSMC 9 |

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| 0001.24 | | USSMC | FAV Toyota Land Cruiser stolen from vicinity of TOC | USSMC 1 |
| 0003.17 - 0031.33 | | USSMC | Cameras 1, 4 go offline for approx 28 min | USSMC 1, 4 |
| 0032.49 | 0034.53 | Annex | Individuals moving in far east field | Annex 3 |
| 0032.53 | 0034.57 | Annex | SAF originating (probable) NE | Annex 3 |
| 0033.15 | 0035.19 | Annex | SAF destroys flood light near NE corner | Annex 3 |
| 0034.27 | 0036.31 | Annex | Individual approach perimeter wall from east field. | Annex 2 |
| 0034.35 | 0036.39 | Annex | Possible IED or RPG near NE perimeter corner | Annex 3, 4, 10, 2, 5 |
| 0034.38 | 0036.42 | Annex | Armed Unknown Individual approaches perimeter wall from east field. | Annex 3 |
| 0035.08 | 0037.12 | Annex | Armed Unknown Individual departs perimeter wall from east field. | Annex 3 |
| 0035.51 | | USSMC | Flash of Light visible - east side of TOC. Likely beginning of vehicle fire. | USSMC 1 |
| 0037.02 | | USSMC | Unknown event occurs inside TOC (likely beginning of fire) which causes large crowd of intruders to attempt to flee the building. | USSMC 1 |
| 0037.07 | | USSMC | 1st of 3 explosions from within Villa C | USSMC 12 |
| 0037.25 | | USSMC | 2nd of 3 explosions from within Villa C | USSMC 12 |
| 0037.45 | | USSMC | 3rd of 3 explosions from within Villa C | USSMC 12 |
| 0037.45 | | USSMC | Smoke visible emanating from TOC | USSMC 1 |
| 0038.16 | | USSMC | Camera 12 for C1 Drive goes offline | USSMC 12 |
| 0038.16 - 0039.48 | | USSMC | Camera 1 goes offline for 1 min, 32 sec. | USSMC 1 |
| 0038.22 | 0040.26 | Annex | Flashlight by white sedan in east field and SAF near NE corner of perimeter wall | Annex 3, 10 |
| 0039.33 | 0041.37 | Annex | Sustained SAF and unknown explosive shot impacts on east side of perimeter wall. Again at 0039.57 | Annex 3 |
| 0043.59 | | USSMC | Large explosion in vicinity of Villa B | USSMC 1 |

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| 0045.07 | | USSMC | Large explosion in vicinity of Villa B | USSMC 1 |
| 0048.18 | | USSMC | Intruder disables Camera 5 | USSMC 5 |
| 0052.38 | | USSMC | White Crewcab Pickup (probable Toyota Helix) heading to SW - towing black SUV (possibly Mercedes G5) | USSMC 1 |
| 0057.47 | 0059.51 | Annex | Flashlight visible on tree line in east field. | Annex 3 |
| 0059.50 | | USSMC | Small white subcompact car turns around between TOC and Villa B. | USSMC 1 |
| 0108.38 | 0110.42 | Annex | Likely RPG fired from east field. Likely strikes Bldg B. | Annex 3, 2 |
| 0110.31 | 0112.35 | Annex | SAF impacts on east side of perimeter wall | Annex 3 |
| 0111.03 | 0113.07 | Annex | SAF near NE corner of perimeter wall | Annex 3 |
| 0111.15 | 0113.19 | Annex | Annex Cameras 11 and 13 go offline | Annex 11, 13 |
| 0111.30 | 0113.34 | Annex | Likely Wire-Guided Munition hits compound from east field. | Annex 3 |
| 0111.50 | 0113.54 | Annex | Possible ricochet or returned fire from Annex personnel - Impacts near white sedan in east field. | Annex 3, 2 |
| 0112.11 | 0114.15 | Annex | Sustained SAF | Annex 3, 2 |
| 0146.50 | 0148.54 | Annex | Dark, small SUV/Hatchback staged due east of Annex on south road; vehicle drives by at 0148.30, U-turns, and drives by again before departing camera view. | Annex 6 |
| 0149.19 | 0151.23 | Annex | Unknown Individual - White T-shirt, Blue running pants, emerges from villa | Annex 1, 6, 12 |
| 0150.42 | 0152.46 | Annex | Unknown individual from villa meets unknown male - white capris, white tanktop, carrying cell phone. This 2nd individual walks down to Annex and back at 0153.35 | Annex 1, 6, 12 |
| 0156.24 | 0158.28 | Annex | Multiple Individuals seen moving through sheep herd due north of Annex. Probable surveillance. No weapons visible. Cellphones in use. | Annex 10 |
| 0203 | | Benghazi Unknown | U.S. Embassy receives call from unknown individual stating that individual matching Ambassador's description is currently in hospital. | Tripoli TOC Log |
| 0203-0415 Approx | | Annex | _____ tasks _____ to obtain info on possible location of STEVENS at hospital | _____ |
| 0238.18 | 0240.22 | Annex | Annex personnel drop glow stick in front of main entrance. | Annex 14 |
| 0415 | | Benghazi Unknown | _____ notifies _____ that STEVENS is KIA | _____ |

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| 0503.00 | 0505.04 | Annex | Unidentified LN Motorcade (Likely Feb 17 Martyrs' Brigade) arrives and parks in front of annex. 10-12 vehicles, some with markings and police lights. Approx. 6 AmCIts - armed and w/ body armor. Presumably the QRF-Medical Team from Tripoli. | Annex 6, 14 |
| 0515.31 | 0517.35 | Annex | Motorcade car alarms appear to go off. Drivers remove vehicles from the scene with great haste (likely due to sound of mortar launching or arriving.) | Annex 1, 6, 12 |
| 0515.36 | 0517.40 | Annex | Likely first mortar impacts against exterior of north perimeter wall. | Annex 4, 5, 7, 9 |
| 0515.56 | 0518.00 | Annex | Cameras 1, 3, 4, 2, and 10 go off line | Annex 1, 3, 4, 2, 10 |
| 0515.57 | 0518.01 | Annex | Likely second mortar impacts against or just inside of north perimeter wall. | Annex 5 |
| 0516.04 | 0518.08 | Annex | Multiple tracer rounds pass east to west along north perimeter wall. | Annex 5 |
| 0516.17 | 0518.21 | Annex | Likely third mortar impacts interior of compound; likely impacts on/near Bldg C. | Annex 5, 7 |
| 0516.28 | 0518.32 | Annex | Likely fourth mortar impacts interior of compound. | Annex 5, 7, 8 |
| 0516.36 | 0518.40 | Annex | Likely fifth mortar impacts against exterior of north perimeter wall. | Annex 5, 7, 9 |
| 0516.48 | 0518.52 | Annex | Camera 8 goes off line | Annex 8 |
| 0516.49 | 0518.53 | Annex | Likely sixth mortar impacts interior of compound. Camera 7 catches path of either a component or tracer round. | Annex 5, 7, 9 |
| 0554.58 | 0557.02 | Annex | Partial damage visible to Bldg. C | Annex 9 |
| 0614.00 | 0616.04 | Annex | Probable Feb 17 Martyrs' Brigade Militia motorcade arrives and stages in front of Annex. Approx. 30-60 vehicles, including technicals w/ mounted weapons. | Annex 6, 14. |
| 0632.33 | 0634.37 | Annex | Annex personnel evacuate in Annex vehicles w/ LN motorcade support. 8 vehicles including a flatbed and pick up truck with KIA and WIA. | Annex 6, 14 |
| 0635.40 | 0637.44 | Annex | Heavy smoke suddenly visible from vicinity of Bldg. C | Annex 7 |
| 0635.50 | 0637.54 | Annex | Annex Vehicle (Toyota Helix Pickup) departs Annex alone w/ 2 black gear bags. | Annex 14 |

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| 0731 | | Benghazi Airport | 1st Aircraft departs Benghazi with <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> and <input type="text"/> | DSCC Chronological Log |
| 0825 | | Benghazi Airport | <input type="text"/> receives body of STEVENS at Benghazi Airport | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> |
| 0838 | | Tripoli | 1st Aircraft arrives Tripoli | DSCC Chronological Log |
| 0954 | | Benghazi Airport | 2nd Aircraft departs Benghazi with <input type="text"/> and bodies of SMITH and STEVENS | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> DSCC Chronological Log |
| 1139 | | Tripoli | 2nd Aircraft arrives Tripoli | DSCC Chronological Log |

This timeline gives preference to time/date stamps over interview recollections where they conflict.

The following timeline, the “Timeline of Department of Defense Actions September 11-12, 2012,” provides further detail about the Defense Department actions that occurred during the attack. This is a timeline of events compiled by the Defense Department. The timeline does not disclose when the forces were ready to deploy or when those forces actually moved.

Timeline of Department of Defense Actions on September 11-12, 2012
 All times are Eastern Daylight Time (EDT, Washington, DC)
 and Eastern European Time (EET, Benghazi)

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

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- ~3:42 pm // 9:42 pm The incident starts at the facility in Benghazi.
- 3:59 pm // 9:59 pm An unarmed, unmanned, surveillance aircraft is directed to reposition overhead the Benghazi facility.
- 4:32 pm // 10:32pm The National Military Command Center at the Pentagon, after receiving initial reports of the incident from the State Department, notifies the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Joint Staff. The information is quickly passed to Secretary Panetta and General Dempsey.
- 5:00 pm // 11:00pm Secretary Panetta and General Dempsey attend a previously scheduled meeting with the President at the White House. The leaders discuss potential responses to the emerging situation.
- 5:10 pm // 11:10 pm The diverted surveillance aircraft arrives on station over the Benghazi facility.
- ~5:30 pm // 11:30 pm All surviving American personnel have departed the facility.
- 6:00-8:00 pm //
12:00-2:00 am Secretary Panetta convenes a series of meetings in the Pentagon with senior officials including General Dempsey and General Ham. They discuss additional response options for Benghazi and for the potential outbreak of further violence throughout the region, particularly in Tunis, Tripoli, Cairo, and Sana'a. During these meetings, Secretary Panetta directs (provides verbal authorization) the following actions:
- 1) A Fleet Antiterrorism Security Team (FAST) platoon, stationed in Rota, Spain, to prepare to deploy to Benghazi, and a second FAST platoon, also stationed in Rota, Spain, to prepare to deploy to the Embassy in Tripoli.
 - 2) A EUCOM special operations force, which is training in Central Europe, to prepare to deploy to an intermediate staging base in southern Europe.
 - 3) A special operations force based in the United States to prepare to deploy to an intermediate staging base in southern Europe.
- During this period, actions are verbally conveyed from the Pentagon to the affected Combatant Commands in order to expedite movement of forces upon receipt of formal authorization.
- ~6:30 pm // 12:30 am A six-man security team from U.S. Embassy Tripoli, including two DoD personnel, departs for Benghazi.

- ~7:30 pm // 1:30 am The American security team from Tripoli lands in Benghazi.
- ~8:30pm // 2:30 am The National Military Command Center conducts a Benghazi Conference Call with representatives from AFRICOM, EUCOM, CENTCOM, TRANSCOM, SOCOM, and the four services.
- 8:39pm // 2:39 am As ordered by Secretary Panetta, the National Military Command Center transmits formal authorization for the two FAST platoons, and associated equipment, to prepare to deploy and for the EUCOM special operations force, and associated equipment, to move to an intermediate staging base in southern Europe.
- 8:53pm // 2:53 am As ordered by Secretary Panetta, the National Military Command Center transmits formal authorization to deploy a special operations force, and associated equipment, from the United States to an intermediate staging base in southern Europe.
- ~11:00 pm // 5:00 am A second, unmanned, unarmed surveillance aircraft is directed to relieve the initial asset still over Benghazi.
- ~11:15 pm // 5:15 am The second facility in Benghazi comes under mortar and rocket propelled grenade fire.

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- 12:05 am // 6:05am AFRICOM orders a C-17 aircraft in Germany to prepare to deploy to Libya to evacuate Americans.
- ~1:40 am // 7:40 am The first wave of American personnel depart Benghazi for Tripoli via airplane.
- ~4:00 am // 10:00 am The second wave of Americans, including the fallen, depart Benghazi for Tripoli via airplane.
- 8:15 am // 2:15 pm The C-17 departs Germany en route Tripoli to evacuate Americans.
- 1:17 pm // 7:17 pm The C-17 departs Tripoli en route Ramstein, Germany with the American personnel and the remains of Ambassador Stevens, Sean Smith, Tyrone Woods, and Glen Doherty.
- 1:57 pm // 7:57 pm The EUCOM special operations force, and associated equipment, arrives at an intermediate staging base in southern Europe.
- 2:56 pm // 8:56 pm The FAST platoon, and associated equipment, arrives in Tripoli.
- 3:28 pm // 9:28 pm The special operations force deployed from the United States, and associated equipment, arrives at an intermediate staging base in southern Europe.
- 4:19 pm // 10:19 pm The C-17 arrives in Ramstein, Germany.