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I remember my dad called me and woke me up. He told me that terrorists had flown planes into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. I asked him who did it, and he said it was Osama Bin Laden. (He knew as soon as he heard because he keeps up on current events) Being sleepy, I didn't think much of it, so I told him I'd watch the news (just wanting to get him off the phone so I could go back to sleep)... I said "Which channel?"... he said "ALL OF THEM!" Then I realized this was something serious and I woke up and turned on the TV. Of course once the TV was on and I was waking up I started to understand the seriousness of what was happening... the possibility that we could still be attacked.

I talked to friends online for a few hours before I had to go to work. One of the guys was a dentist and didn't have a TV to watch so he had to rely on us relaying the news to him. I had the TV turned up so I could hear it in my office and I'd run to look whenever the news changed.

When I got to work, no one was working. I did third tier technical support at that time and the department manager told us not to call anyone, so we pretty much just watched TV. Eventually he told us that we could go home if we wanted to and use a vacation day. (Later on, the company decided not to dock vacation time for not working that day because of a "national disaster")

I got home and I didn't want to be alone in the house, so I went to my dad's house and we all sat glued to the TV. It was the longest day of my life. It was strange for those couple of days to know that I wouldn't be able to find a plane in the sky. That part made it more real to me, instead of something I was seeing on TV.

My sister lives in upstate New York and at the time, she was an EMT. She and several of her co-workers drove down to the city to volunteer their help. She finally got to Ground Zero at about 10pm that night and helped search all night. She was sent home the next morning when it became apparent that there weren't going to be enough survivors to need many people with EMT credentials.

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