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The sounds of emergency vehicle sirens and church bells will fill the air at noon on Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011 in a tribute to the first responders of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

On July 22, the U.S. Senate established a national Moment of Remembrance of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks to begin at 1 p.m. Eastern time (noon Texas time) on the 10th anniversary of the attacks. Tuesday night, Burleson City Council members voted unanimously to join the nation in the National Moment of Remembrance Sunday.

That remembrance will last for one minute, but it will not be silent. At noon, police and firefighter sirens and bells will sound for a full minute to recognize the sacrifices made by the first responders on Sept. 11, 2001. At a ceremony at the World Trade Center site in New York City, the names of the nearly 3,000 victims – including those who died at the Pentagon and aboard United Flight 93 that went down in Shanksville, Penn., – will be read aloud for the first time.

Burleson's firefighters, police officers, and the fire marshal's office will sound their sirens for a full minute at noon on Sunday. Area churches are also asked to ring their bells for a full minute at noon. Residents and businesspeople are asked to cease activity for that minute in honor of those first responders.

At 8:46 a.m. on Sept. 11, 2001, hijacked American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the upper portion of the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City. At 9:03 a.m., hijacked United Airlines Flight 175 crashed into the South Tower of the World Trade Center. At 9:37 a.m., the west wall of the Pentagon was hit by hijacked American Airlines Flight 77, the impact of which caused immediate and catastrophic damage to the headquarters of the Department of Defense.

At approximately 10 a.m., the passengers and crew of hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 acted heroically to retake control of the airplane and stop the taking of additional lives by crashing the airliner in Shanksville, Penn. The passengers and crew died in that effort.