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In NY, DC, everyone's on alert

Public presses on despite terror threat

By **LOLITA C. BALDOR**
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Undaunted by talk of a new terror threat, New Yorkers and Washingtonians wove among police armed with assault rifles and waited with varying degrees of patience at security checkpoints Friday.

Intelligence officials scrambled to nail down information on a possible al-Qaida strike timed to coincide with the 10th anniversary of 9/11.

Counterterrorism officials have been working around the clock to determine whether the threat is accurate, and extra security was put in place to protect the people in the two cities.

It was the worst terror assault in the nation's history, and al-Qaida has long dreamed of striking again to mark the anniversary. But it could be weeks before the intelligence community can say whether this particular threat is real.

Security worker Eric Martinez wore a pin depicting the twin towers on his lapel as he headed to work in lower Manhattan on Friday where he also worked 10 years ago when the towers came down.

"If you're going to be afraid, you're just going to stay home," he said.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg, too, made a point of taking the subway to City Hall.

Briefed on the threat Friday

President Barack Obama instructed his security team to take "all necessary precautions," the White House said. Obama still plans to travel to New York on Sunday to mark the 10th anniversary with stops that day at the Pentagon and Shanksville, Pa.

Washington commuters were well aware of the terror talk.

Cheryl Francis, of Chantilly, Va., said she travels over the Roosevelt

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County honors victims of 9/11, thanks people in uniform

By **JESSICA GOODMAN**
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Two flags were raised during a ceremony Friday at the Henderson County Historic Courthouse commemorating the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

One, the flag of honor, listed the names of all those killed that day. The second, the flag of heroes, listed the names of the emergency personnel who rushed to help.

In all, 2,977 people lost their lives on Sept. 11, including 343 firefighters and paramedics, 23 police officers and 37 Port Authority police officers.

But Sept. 11 is not just about numbers, local businessman and HonorAir founder Jeff Miller told the crowd gathered Friday.

"The point I am trying to make is this was an attack on people, not buildings," he added.

During the ceremony, local first responders, law enforcement officers, firefighters and EMS personnel were recognized along with active military servicemen and woman and veterans, with each group receiving a standing ovation from the crowd. The playing of taps closed out the ceremony, which lasted about an hour.

Ten years ago America was changed forever, said speaker Patricia Lee Pirog. The chairwoman of Operation Toasty Toes chapter seven, a native New Yorker who lives in Hendersonville with her

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PHOTOS BY MIKE DIRKS/TIMES-NEWS
Pooch Pace, with the Henderson County Honor Guard, bows his head during the invocation during the Tenth Anniversary of 9/11 Commemorative Ceremony at the Historic Courthouse on Friday.



Members of the Henderson County Honor Guard present the colors during the ceremony.



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One killed, one injured when truck broadsides car

By **JOHN HARBIN**
Times-News Staff Writer

One person died and another was flown by medical helicopter to Mission Hospital after a two-vehicle wreck on Greenville Highway Friday afternoon, the Hendersonville Police Department said.

A full-size F-350 truck was traveling south on Greenville Highway at about 2:45 p.m., and as it crested a hill near Flanders Avenue, a Kia

sedan pulled out in front of it, Detective Chris LeRoy said.

Tyler Pace, 20, of Hendersonville, was driving the truck and was unable to stop in time, broadsiding the sedan, LeRoy said.

The driver of the sedan died at the scene, he said. The car's passenger was flown to Mission Hospital. Their names are being withheld pending notification of family.

Two occupants in the truck were uninjured,

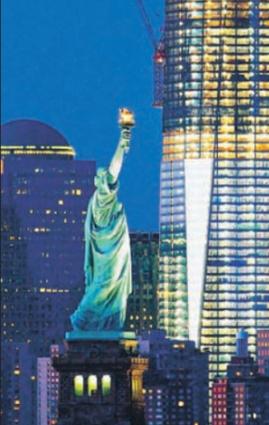
LeRoy said. The passenger in the truck was identified Friday as Kent Thomas, 19, of Hendersonville.

The accident is still under investigation, and charges have not yet been determined. Greenville Highway was shut down from Chadwick Avenue to Rutledge Drive for about an hour.

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A changed world

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