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Hello:

Thank you for taking the time to listen to the people who have been effected by that day in history.
I would like to state that I was working at on the day of 9/11 as a New York City Correction Captain. I arrived to see if anything could be done to help anybody, Of course there was only so much you could do, in the upcoming days, weeks I was working at the temporary morgue that was set up which was horrific. But we all know what happened and what each of us went through.

I still do not really like speaking about it and this past year was especially not a good time, but I worked for the New York City Department of Corrections for approximately 23 years. While working for that number of years I only had taken approximately 2 (two) weeks of sick time. Prior to my retirement in 2005 I had numerous physical exams to ensure that I was in good health.

Much to my surprise I was diagnosed with Stage 3 Cancer in 2009, of course nobody can say it was due to the exposure from working on that day and days after, but nobody in my family has ever had Cancer. I do not smoke nor ever did. I have also been in good health prior to 9/11, You can only imagine how you feel when the Doctor tells you that "you have Cancer and we don't know if we can help you".

After doing a hard job for many years and thinking you are going to enjoy your retirement with your family. You can really not explain it to people that have not been there with this disease, it just does not seem right that so many cases have been discovered with it to date and more to follow. It seems that nobody wants to say yes it is from all the toxins that were in the air at that time. I realize that each person is effected different but from not being sick at all to have to go through this now is not easy.

"Defeat is not the worst of failures, Not to have tried is the true failure."

Hoping that somebody in your review office will try to put some justice to this for the ones that for the present time have survived.

Thank you
Ed Moane