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## **Bayonne City Hall Display Recalls September 11 and the Ground Zero Recovery Operations**

Mayor Jimmy Davis announced that Jim Mock, a retired union carpenter, has provided materials from recovery operations at the World Trade Center for a display at the Bayonne City Hall lobby. Following the terrorist attack on the original World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, Mr. Mock spent eighteen months working on recovery operations in Lower Manhattan with numerous other building trades workers. In an interview, Mr. Mock said the once strong steel from the World Trade Center had become “like spaghetti.” He said that working conditions during the recovery operations were terrible, due to the cillica in the air. Mr. Mock recalled that recovery workers made a special effort to salvage any objects that might bear the DNA of the victims.

Mr. Mock's artifacts include steel from September 11 and a flag that flew from Ground Zero. The items in the display include orange work vests, hard hats, September 11 badges, pins, news clippings, art, books, and a cloth from the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners (Hudson County Carpenters 6). The collection includes patches from police, fire, emergency medical services, and K-9 units. The display case features photos of student essay winners and public officials.

Mr. Mock lost friends from Bayonne who perished on September 11, 2001. He believes it is important to remember what happened on September 11. The retired carpenter said it in two words, "Never forget." Mr. Mock stressed the importance of teaching young students about what happened in 2001, which was before they were born.

Mayor Davis said, "I would like to thank Mr. Mock and his fellow building trades workers for the difficult and important recovery work that they did at the site of the World Trade Center. His display reminds us all of what happened in Lower Manhattan on September 11, 2001, and in the months that followed."

The objects will remain on display until September 30, 2025.