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THE FIRM

Pitta & Baione LLP is a team of attorneys and professionals brought together for a common purpose: to provide dependable counsel to deserving clients.

We represent 9/11 victims and their families seeking health and compensation benefits under the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act. We count among them our family members, our friends, and countless hardworking New Yorkers who share our values.

When we take on your case, it becomes our own. When we give you our word, we keep it.

RECENT AWARDS

\$3,012,800.76
\$1,950,900.00
\$1,192,481.33
\$1,109,363.93

“*Our case was somewhat complicated and no other attorneys wanted to take the case...substantial settlement with unbelievable speed.*”

Azan K.

“*Not only professional and knowledgable, but they took the time to actually talk to me and get to know me, I didn't feel like just another client, but family.*”

Leslie T.

Recovered

\$50+

million for 9/11 victims

Lobbied for

\$12+

billion in funding



VINCENT F. PITTA
MANAGING PARTNER

Mr. Pitta is a labor lawyer in practice for over 40 years and a lifelong champion for workers' rights. Throughout his career, Mr. Pitta has represented unions of police, fire, sanitation, corrections, and construction trades—all involved in 9/11 rescue and recovery efforts. Since 9/11, he has represented and counseled victims of the attacks in various capacities. As Managing Partner of Pitta & Baione LLP, Mr. Pitta continues his advocacy on behalf of 9/11 victims.



VITO R. PITTA
PARTNER

Mr. Pitta focuses his practice on legislative advocacy and monitoring. He has successfully lobbied for over \$12 billion in 9/11 benefits to ensure victims receive the compensation and healthcare they deserve.



CHRISTOPHER J. BAIONE
PARTNER

Mr. Baione has dedicated his entire legal career solely to representing 9/11 victims seeking benefits under the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act.



MATTHEW J. BAIONE
PARTNER

Mr. Baione has a background in litigation with a particular focus in assessing and developing the quality of evidence. He applies these skills to advocate on behalf of 9/11 victims before the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund.



SALVATORE J. CASSANO
SENIOR ADVISOR

Hon. Cassano is the former Fire Commissioner of New York City. Immediately following 9/11, he served as Chief of Operations to rebuild the FDNY, and advises the firm on issues related to 9/11 rescue and recovery operations.



HON. JAMES P. MOLINARO
SENIOR ADVISOR

Hon. Molinaro is the former three-term Borough President of Staten Island. He has served in government for over 40 years, and advises the firm on policy and government affairs.



YICHUN LUO
SENIOR CLAIM MANAGER

Mrs. Luo has worked for the New York Police Department and the federal government. She is multilingual and holds a Master of Public Administration in International Inspection and Oversight.

BENEFITS AVAILABLE



WTCHP	World Trade Center Health Program <i>Fully Funded Through 2090. Physical and Psychological Conditions.</i>	
	South of Houston Street — 9/11/01 - 7/31/02	
BENEFITS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Free healthcare for covered conditions + Monitoring + Treatment + Medication 	ELIGIBILITY: Exposure Groups a. Survivors Individuals present south of Houston Street and within a 1.5-mile radius from the former WTC-site in any capacity between 9/11/01-7/30/02 (area worker, resident, student, caretakers, visitors, etc.). b. Responders Generally: Ground Zero; Fresh Kills; debris removal route (piers, barges, transfer stations); garages where vehicles were cleaned and rehabilitated; Medical Examiner's Office; temporary morgues.	
COVERED CONDITIONS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + 70+ Cancers + Aerodigestive Disorders + Lung Diseases + Acute Traumatic Injuries + Musculoskeletal Disorders + Psychological Conditions 		

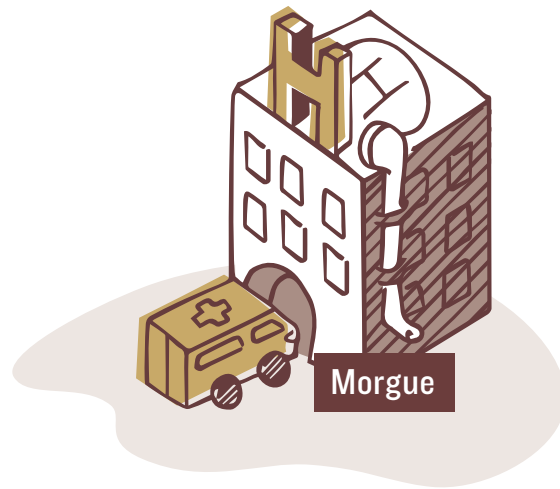
VCF	September 11th Victim Compensation Fund <i>Due to Expire December 18, 2020. Physical Conditions Only.</i>	
	South of Canal Street — 9/11/01 - 5/30/02	
BENEFITS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Tax-free lump-sum compensation for physical conditions only + Noneconomic loss (pain and suffering) + Economic loss (temporary or permanent disability) + Medical expenses + Burial expenses 	ELIGIBILITY: Individuals who meet WTCHP eligibility and were present in Lower Manhattan, south of Canal Street, between 9/11/01 and 5/30/02 TOTAL ALLOCATION: \$7.3 billion	
DECEMBER 18TH 2020 Deadline for claim submission		



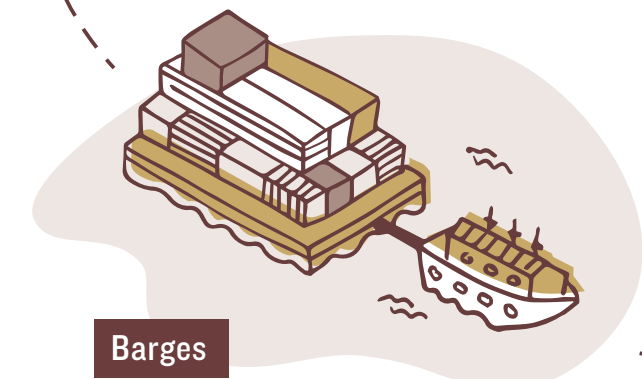
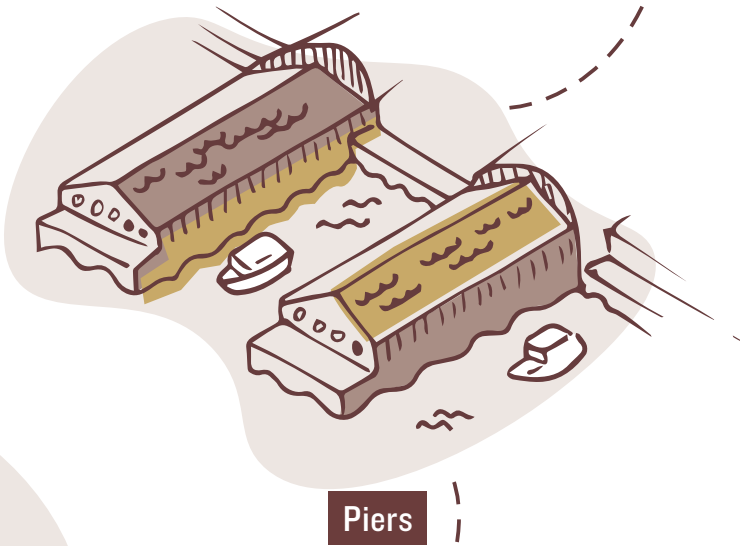
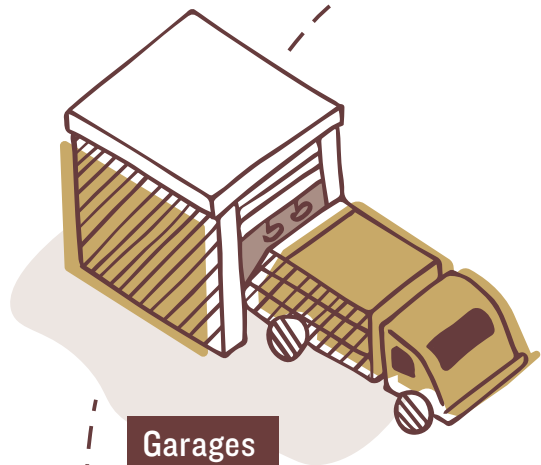
With limited exception, the VCF requires WTCHP certification of physical conditions to be eligible for compensation.

EXPOSURE ZONE

If you were at any of the following locations between 9/11/01 and 7/31/02 you may be eligible for free healthcare and compensation.



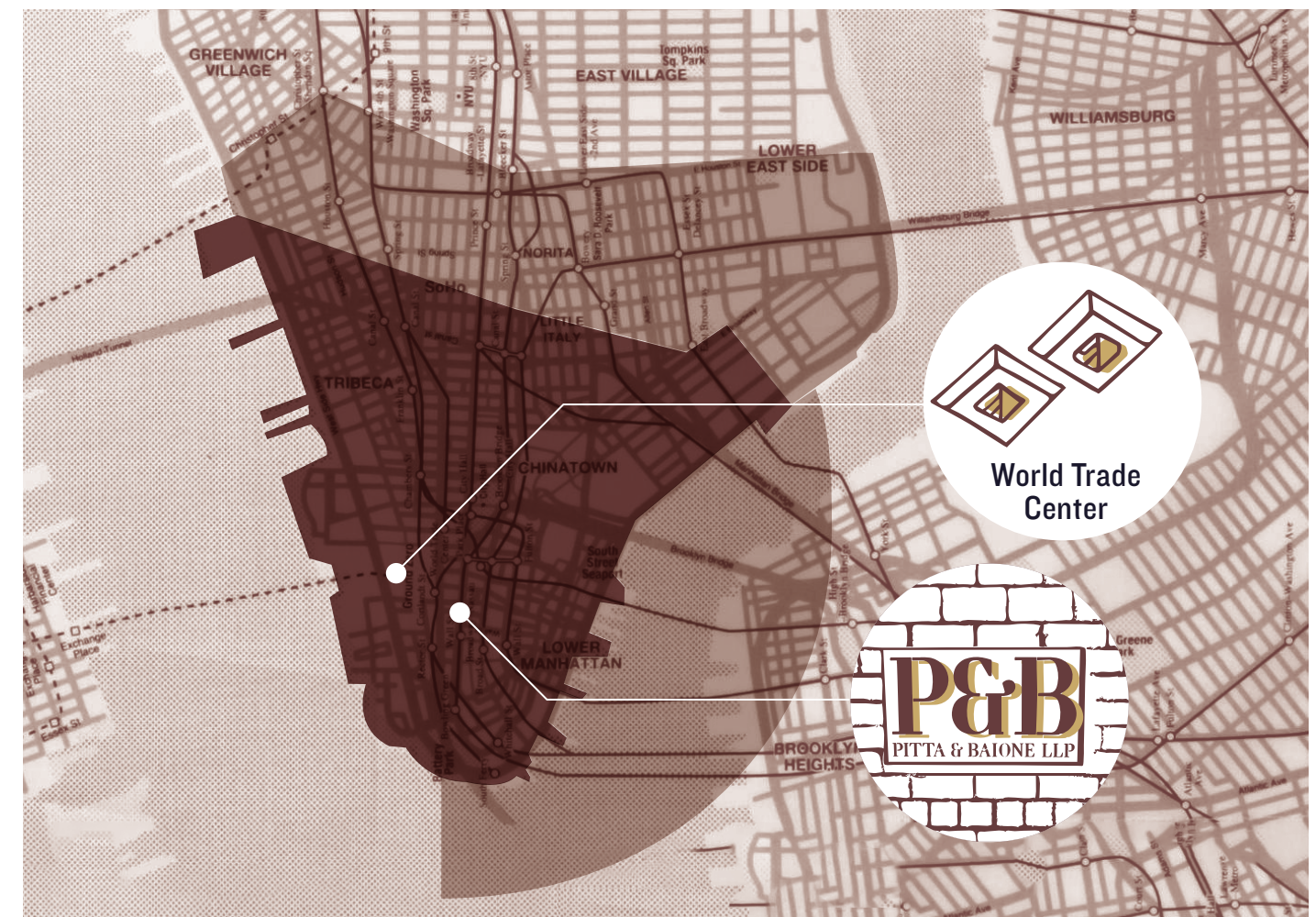
DEBRIS REMOVAL



LOWER MANHATTAN



- Below Canal Street (VCF)
- Below Houston Street (WTCHP) and 1.5 miles radius from WTC into Brooklyn



PHYSICAL CONDITIONS CAUSED BY 9/11

The WTC Health Program has established a list of physical conditions caused by 9/11 toxins exposure. The list is subject to change as research develops. For example, cancer was not recognized as a 9/11-related condition until 2013. WTCHP-certified physical conditions are eligible for both free healthcare and compensation.



15 MOST COMMON 9/11 CANCERS

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|---|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 01. Non-melanoma skin 02. Prostate 03. Melanoma of skin 04. Thyroid 05. Breast – Female | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 06. Lymphoma 07. Lung/Bronchus 08. Kidney 09. Leukemia 10. Colon | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Bladder 12. Myeloma 13. Oropharynx 14. Rectum 15. Stomach |
|---|--|---|

Source: WTC Health Program

NON-CANCER CONDITIONS

Aerodigestive Disorders and Lung Diseases

- Asthma
- Chronic Cough Syndrome
- Chronic Laryngitis
- Chronic Nasopharyngitis
- Chronic Respiratory Disorder
- Chronic Rhinosinusitis
- Gastroesophageal Reflux Disorder (“GERD”) (persistent heartburn)
- Interstitial Lung Diseases (e.g., sarcoidosis, asbestosis)
- Reactive Airways Dysfunction Syndrome (RADS)
- Sleep Apnea
- Upper Airway Hyperreactivity
- COPD

If treated on or before September 11, 2003

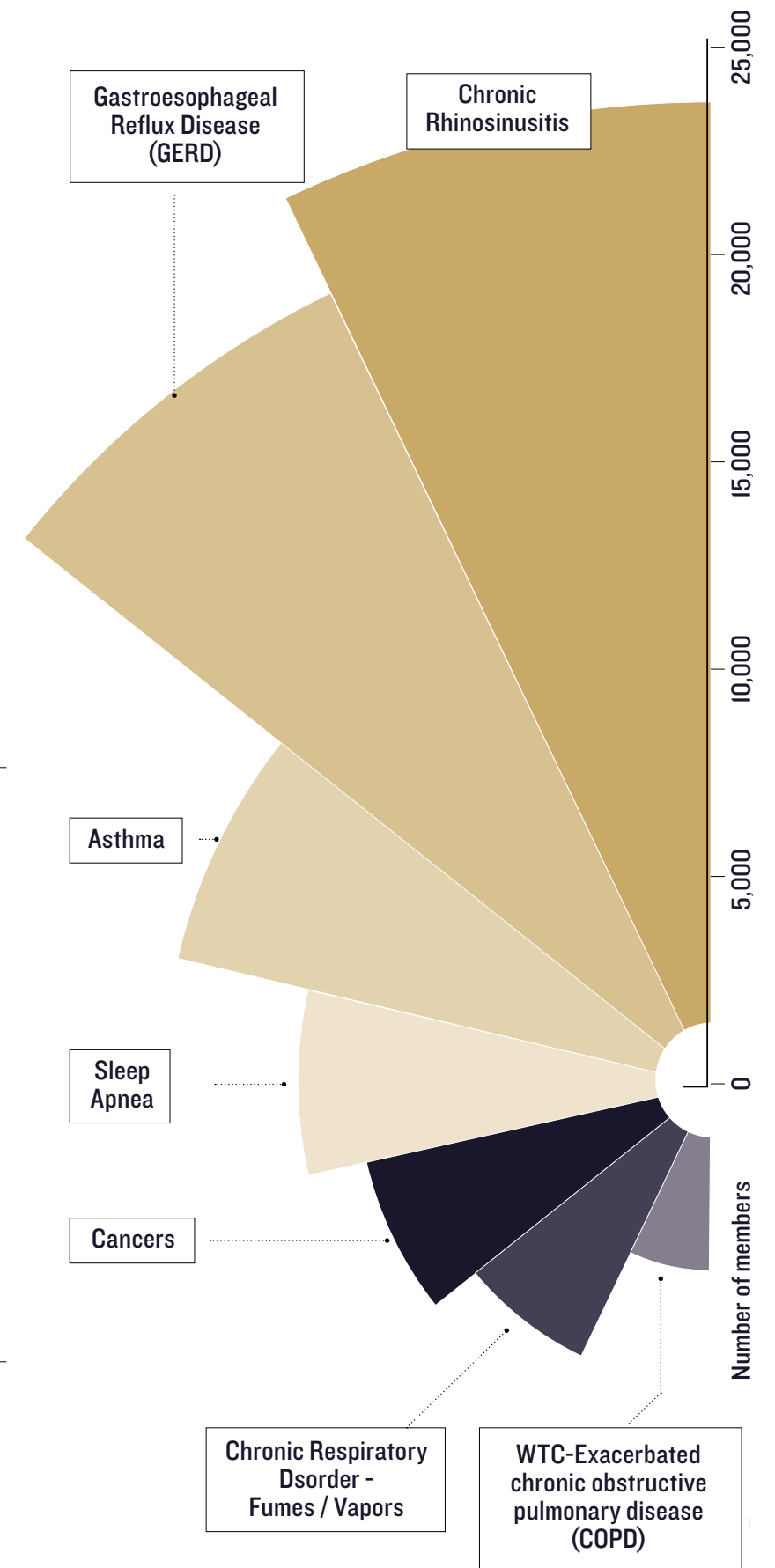
Responders and survivors who received treatment for a WTC-related acute traumatic injury on or before September 11, 2003 are eligible for coverage. Examples include:

- Eye Injury
- Burn
- Head Trauma
- Fracture
- Tendon Tear
- Complex Sprain

Musculoskeletal Disorders (Responders only)

Responders who received treatment for a WTC-related musculoskeletal disorder, such as carpal tunnel syndrome or lower back pain, on or before September 11, 2003 are eligible for coverage.

TOP PHYSICAL CONDITIONS



Individual members may have certifications in more than one category

9/11 CANCER

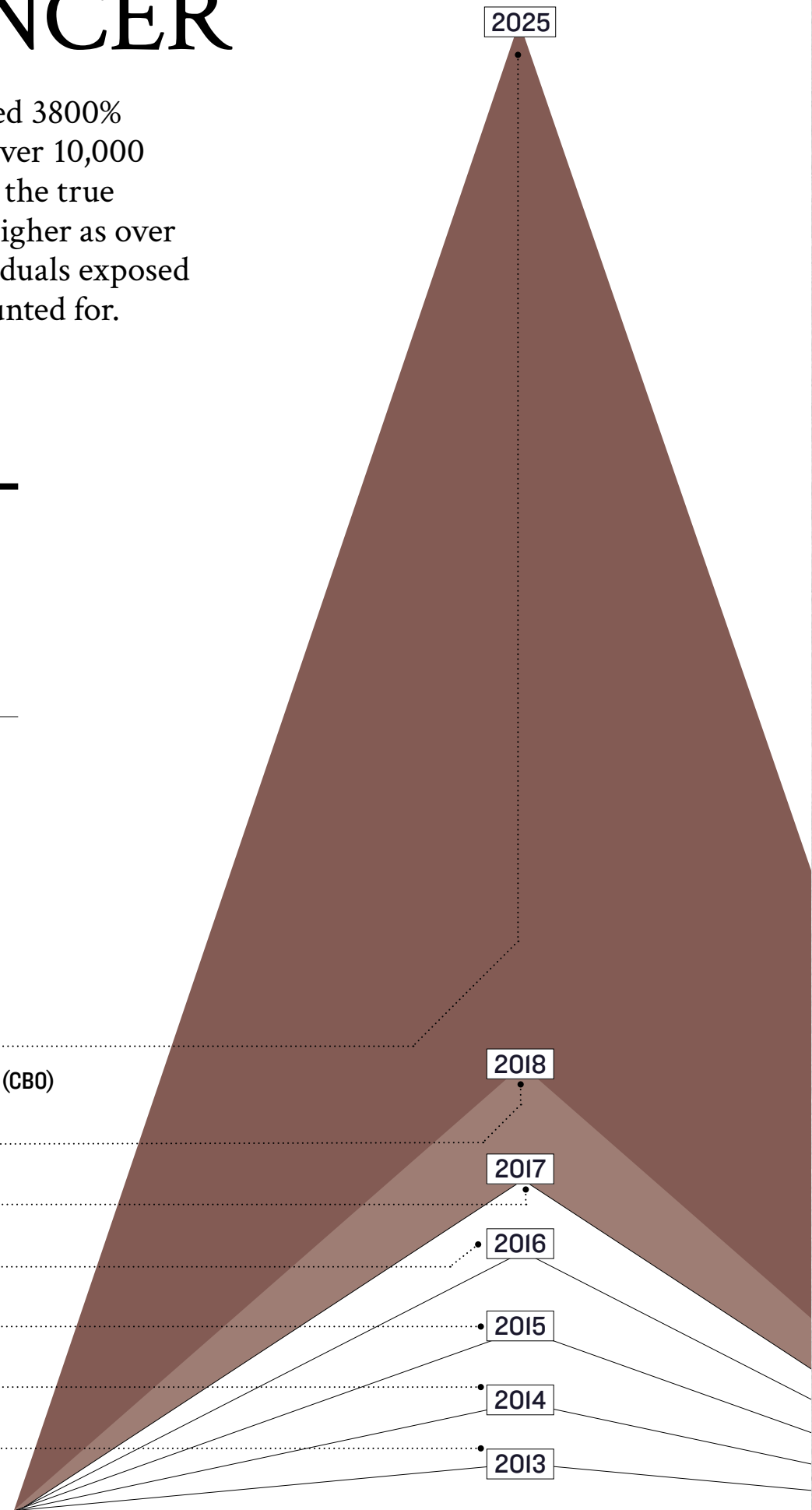
The 9/11 cancer rate soared 3800% from 2013 to 2018, with over 10,000 total diagnoses. However, the true cancer rate may be even higher as over 80% of the 500,000 individuals exposed to 9/11 toxins are unaccounted for.

Less than
20%
of all exposed to 9/11 toxins are accounted for

Over
10,000
people diagnosed with 9/11 cancer

35,000
Projected Cancer Diagnoses 2016-2025 (CBO)

10,000
7,139
5,439
3,680
1,930
249



Source: WTC Health Program



[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] **500,000** people were at or near one of the September 11th attack sites [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] **35,000** [REDACTED] expected to receive a cancer diagnosis over the 2016-2025 period. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] incidence of cancer will be **21 percent** higher than general population [REDACTED]

November 10, 2015

Redaction added for emphasis



September 18, 2001

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the air is safe to breathe [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



Former EPA Director
Christine Todd Whitman

“
When EPA made a September 18 announcement that the air was ‘safe’ to breathe, the Agency did not have sufficient data and analyses to make the statement.

AUGUST 21, 2003



9/11 VCF TIMELINE

Over \$7.3 billion in compensation has been allocated to the 9/11 VCF. Over half has been paid out to victims. The fund is due to expire on December 18, 2020.

9/11

2001

SEPTEMBER 18TH
Christine Todd Whitman declares air safe to breathe

2002

MAY 30TH
Ground Zero cleanup ends

2011

FEBRUARY 1ST
James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act signed into law

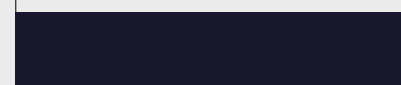
\$2.775B
Initial funding



2015

DECEMBER 18TH
Zadroga Act reauthorized

\$4.6B
Additional funding



2017

1/3 of all VCF Funding paid in one year



2018

AUGUST
\$4B
Compensation Milestone

TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

2020

DECEMBER 18TH
VCF deadline

Justice Delayed is Justice Denied

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