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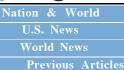


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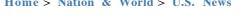
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## Vance Delsignore: OSHA officer at WTC

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By Jim McKay, Post-Gazette Staff Writer

Not a day goes by that Vance Delsignore does not recall both the massive devastation and the resilience of the human spirit that he witnessed at the World Trade Center last September.

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Delsignore, of Washington, Pa., a compliance officer with the Pittsburgh office of the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration, was one of a rotating group of officials who helped identify safety hazards that confronted construction crews as they untangled tons of steel and concrete at the site.

He remembers a fire truck 10 feet below the ground that was still burning two weeks after the towers collapsed, its metal so hot it looked like a vat of molten

The smoky smell remains in his nostrils, and he can't forget seeing rescue crews digging by hand for their dead friends and co-workers, often coming up with little or nothing for their toil.

"It's probably going to stay with me forever -- both the devastation and the cooperation.'





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