

## **Day 186, September 21, 2020 From the Church Mouse**

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I recently used Snopes' when it came to my attention during the 9/11 remembrances that our government had removed the health insurance funding from all FDNY personnel who had fallen ill from working at the pile for such a long time. Since I didn't believe that could be true, I asked Snopes'. It was true.

I offer this resource to you if you are interested.

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