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Fund eyes helping PA civilians

The Twin Towers Fund is mulling whether to aid the families of 12 Port Authority civilian workers who died helping firefighters and cops evacuate thousands from the World Trade Center.

The families had been excluded because the men were not "uniformed" law-enforcement or emergency personnel.

After The Post detailed their dilemma last week, Larry Levy, deputy counsel to Mayor Giuliani, asked one of the Port Authority widows who have been denied Twin Towers aid to write him a letter making a case why they should be included.

Theresa Riccardelli said she wants her husband's heroism honored.

Her husband Francis, 41, managed the trade center's hundreds of elevators and stairwells and along with 11 fellow employees helped hundreds escape.

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