

# Ghost Ship Fire Victims To Receive \$32.7 Million Settlement From City Of Oakland

"The city of Oakland has settled a lawsuit with the victims of the 2016 'Ghost Ship' fire that killed 36 people. The total settlement is for \$32.7 million – \$23.5 million will go to families of people who died, and \$9.2 million will go to Sam Maxwell, who survived the fire with lifelong injuries," reports Andrew Limbong in *NPR's Arts & Life*.

"Oakland's City Council wrote in a statement the 'The City continues to assert, as the agreement provides that it is not liable for these tragic losses. The City decided to settle this case because of the cost-benefit analysis.'"

"Paul Matiasic, an attorney representing five of the victims families, said in a statement that the case has always been about more than just money."

***Read the article.***