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Comprised of Active & Retired NYPD Police Officers of all ranks

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Christopher J. Piazza

Happy New Year... Hope you all enjoyed the holiday season. It was a great time at our December Holiday meeting this year at the beautiful "Li Greci's The Staaten". We had 100+ members that enjoyed the delicious sit down lunch along with coffee and dessert. I would

like to thank all our N.Y.P.D. guests for spending the day with us. As customary our Association sent cookies to the (4) precincts for Christmas. Thank you, Jack Hellman and Joseph Molloy! As usual our winter birds are planning their annual trip to the south to avoid the snow and cold. We wish them a safe and healthy winter.

Our four (4) annual scholarships were drawn and recorded at our holiday meeting.

The winner of the \$1,000.00 College Scholarship, in memory and honor of deceased and past President Richard Commesso, was **Isabella Polizoi**.

The winner of a \$500.00 College Scholarship, in memory and honor of deceased Lieutenant and past Treasurer Charles Manganato, was **Ryan Gleavy**.

The winner of the final \$500.00 College Scholarship was **Violet Paul**.

The winner of the \$500.00 High School Scholarship was **Emma Fitzpatrick**.

We have a lot planned for the coming year. So please make every effort to make a meeting. Here's wishing us all a healthy and productive year. I would like to take this moment to Congratulate John Donohue for his tireless dedication and being named our 2023 Man Of The Year. We need your support to continue the good that we are doing. First, you can help by paying your dues timely and as always, the success of our association is in its membership. Tell a fellow MOS, refer just (1) new MOS and have them join us for a meal. I am sure they feel the same as I do... "I miss the clowns but not the circus". You would be surprised who you might bump into at a meeting. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

As I mentioned, the 2024 dues have been increased to \$35.00 and we will continue to require two (2) separate checks for 2024 Annual Dues and Additional 2024 Courtesy Cards. If you feel comfortable with the internet you can always pay online at our website vz1013.com. Please be reassured this is a safe way to pay your annual dues. We need our brothers and sisters to stick together, especially in today's climate.

Be Safe... God bless you and your family!



VICE PRESIDENT'S LINES - John Ross

Hello I want to wish everyone a very Happy and Healthy New Year! It was great to see everyone at our holiday luncheon I hope everyone enjoyed the new venue. Thanks to all who came out to celebrate with us. I want to thank all our guest speakers for coming out as well thank you. I want to congratulate all of our scholarship winners congratulations to all. I would also like to congratulate this year's man of the year award recipient Past President John Donohue. Congratulations John on a very well deserved award. Again I would like to wish all our members a Happy and Healthy New Year and hope to see everyone at January's meeting back at the Knights of Columbus Hall.
Thank you.



TREASURER'S LINES - Henry Cartmell

I hope all had a very Merry Christmas and New Year Holiday Season. We now start 2024 and I would like to thank all who have renewed and new members of our organization. If you have not paid your 2024 dues at this time, a reminder that the annual dues, is now \$35.00.

I hope to see you at the monthly meetings and events throughout the year.



CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S LINES - Vincent Montagna

Don't turn in your firearms to NYPD Pistol License Section. Sell them to a Gun Shop. Your old service *revolvers* are worth a few dollars. I was offered \$650.00 for my Service Gun.



New NYS gun laws will go in effect this week

(WBNG) -- New gun laws in New York State will go into effect Sept. 13 with the New York State Police now overseeing background checks for every firearms and ammunition purchase. One change consumers will see is each ammunition background check will cost \$2.50 while checks for firearms will cost \$9. These fees will help fund the new program. All potential buyers must receive a "proceed" response from the New York State Police in order for a purchase to be completed. In case of denial, the buyer has 30 days to appeal the decision. Now, New York State firearm dealers, Federal Firearms licensers and ammunition sellers can register online. Operation specialists are currently assisting with the registration process. Registered dealers can begin the registration when the law goes into effect. Copyright 2023 WBNG. All rights reserved.

A LITTLE GUN HISTORY

- In 1929, the *Soviet Union* established gun control. From 1929 to 1953, about 20 million dissidents, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.
- In 1911 *Turkey* established gun control. From 1915 to 1917, 1.5 million Armenians, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.
- *Germany* established gun control in 1938 and from 1939 to 1945, a total 13million Jews and others who were unable to defend themselves were rounded up and exterminated.
- *China* established gun control in 1935. From 1948 to 1952, 20 million political dissidents, unable to defend themselves were rounded up and exterminated.
- *Guatemala* established gun control in 1964. From 1964 to 1981, 100,00 Mayan Indians, unable to defend themselves were rounded up and exterminated.
- *Uganda* established gun control in 1970. From 1971 to 1979, three hundred thousand Christians, unable to defend themselves were rounded up and exterminated.
- *Cambodia* established gun control in 1956. From 1975 to 1977, one million educated people, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and executed.

Defenseless people rounded up and exterminated in the 20th Century because of gun control: 56 million.

WHY FIGHT????

During WWII the Japanese decided NOT to invade America because they knew most citizens were ARMED! With guns we are citizens: without them we are "subjects". You won't see this data on the US evening news, or hear politicians disseminating this information. Guns in the hands of honest citizens save lives and property and, yes, gun-control laws adversely affect only law-abiding citizens. The purpose of fighting is to win. There is no possible Victory in defense. The sword is more important than the shield, and skill is more important than either! The final weapon is the brain. All else is supplemental.

A final note. Switzerland..... Switzerland issues every household a Gun! Switzerland has the lowest gun related crime rate of any civilized country in the world!!! Don't let our Government waste our tax dollars in an effort to make all law abiding citizens an easy target.



RECORDING SECRETARY'S LINES - Tom Dembinski

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Healthy and Happy New Year to all.

A good time was had by all at our Christmas Luncheon at the Staaten and we had a great turnout.

Continue to remember those who have gone before us and may the New Year be better than last.

Once again, we continue the fight for our health care with good results in the courts. There are Retiree groups from the MTA and Nassau County joining the fight now and there is strength in numbers.

Once again please continue to spread the word about our organization and invite fellow Members of the Service to join us. Word of mouth is our best friend.



SGT. AT ARMS - Jack Hellman

Happy New Year to all our members and friends. Can't believe another year has gone by. 2023 was a good year for all of us and a sad year for a few. As we get older we thought we saw everything. But as you know we keep on seeing unfortunate events. Fighting in the Ukraine. Fighting in Israel. Even these conflicts are just! It gives our brothers in blue plenty of extra work. This past Christmas day I had the privilege to deliver cookies two of our precincts along with Joe Miller going to the other two. We were meet with great appreciation from the men & women that got stuck working that day. We all know that feeling. Just one of the things that your organization does. We had a very successful golf outing. With the help of all that helped. We ended this year with a great holiday meeting and luncheon. All that attended at the Staten had a great meal and some entertainment and a afternoon with slot of friends. All brought to you from your board of directors. We look forward in the coming year to seeing you all and bring a friend with you to enjoy all that we offer all our brothers and Sisters. With a membership in the best 10-13 organization.



TRUSTEE - Philip DeLuca

Well a little late but Merry Christmas to all, Christmas party turned out to be a success at The Staaten Nice size crowd as usual, step up from years past. Well let's hope winter goes easy on us, snow is for skiing upstate. Guess snow birds are packing. See all soon and have a Happy New Year.



TRUSTEE - William "Harpo" Silvestri

Whether you celebrated Christmas, Hanukkah or Kwanza, I hope it was it was a blessed and joyful time for all. Now that we're into the new year, we can only hope and pray that it will be better than the year 2023. It was a tough year for too many.

On a brighter note, our Christmas Luncheon at Li Greci's Staaten was a real enjoyable time for all. I believe the turnout was better than anything we've had in the past. The food and drink was very good and plentiful. The waitstaff was excellent and couldn't have been more attentive. We had a number of special guests in attendance. Among them was our chaplain, the Reverend John Carlo who delivered a special invocation. Also in attendance was a comic that was quite entertaining, giving all a good laugh.

At this time I would like to thank our Verrazano10-13 Association President, Chris Piazza and our Board of Directors for making an excellent choice in venue. It was through their efforts that made it a successful and happy occasion.

In conclusion, I wish to extend my sincerest wishes to our membership and their families for a New Year of Peace, Happiness and Good Health. Stay safe and God bless.



TRUSTEE - Bill Kelly

I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year!

We had our holiday party in December and it was a great success at our new venue The Staaten. They did a great job, the room was nice and the food was delicious and it was nice to see all the guys and gals there.. Anyone who missed it should make plans not to miss it this year. A good time was had by all.

Remember to support our organization and come to the meetings, bring a friend, and don't miss this year's holiday party. Stay safe.

Christmas Luncheon 2023



From Verrazano 10-13 Association Member Paul Ferrigno:

In response to several queries, I contacted the office of the NYPD Police Relief Fund, INC to ascertain the benefits provided for our membership and all retired officers in the New York area. The following is their response for which I am totally grateful.



POLICE RELIEF FUND INC.

"In Service For Others"

DIRECTOR: Gary DeRosa

SERGEANT IN CHARGE: Matthew Pignataro

June 22, 2023

From: Director, Police Relief Fund
To: UNIFORMED MEMBERS OF THE SERVICE
Subject: BENEFIT PROGRAM, POLICE RELIEF FUND

1. The exclusive function of the Emergency Medical Squad is to ensure that the highest level of care is afforded to every active and retired **uniformed members of the service** at their time of need. Many medical related services can be obtained from the Emergency Medical Squad. This service encompasses both the availability of ambulance service as well as the loan of a myriad selection of medical equipment for as long as their condition dictates.

2. The following criteria must be met in order for this benefit to become available:

- a. The requesting PATIENT must be either an active or retired uniformed member of the service, his or her spouse, unmarried dependent children, father, mother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, or a brother or sister of the member. Please note that brothers and sisters are covered only if they are residing with and are supported by the member.
- b. The ambulance is available to transport non-ambulatory patients as directed by a competent medical authority (i.e. Physician, Physician Assistant, Nurse Practitioner, etc.) from his/her residence to a hospital(s) or medical facility; from hospital or medical facility to his/her home and also from one hospital or medical facility to another hospital or medical facility.
- c. The ambulance can travel up to two hundred and fifty (250) miles outside the city limits. However, one point of the trip must be within the confines of the City of New York.

THE AMBULANCE CAN NOT BE USED TN THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS:

- a. **NO EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED PATIENTS** without the prior approval of the Commanding Officer, Emergency Medical Squad.
- b. **NO EMERGENCY MATERNITY CASES.**
- c. **NO TRANSFERS WITHOUT MEDICAL AUTHORITY AND PROPER DISCHARGE DOCUMENTS.**
- d. **NO KNOWN AIRBORNE COMMUNICABLE DISEASE TRANSFERS** without the proper direction of a competent medical authority and the approval of the Commanding Officer, Emergency Medical Squad.
- e. **NO INTENSIVE CARE UNIT TRANSFERS** without a doctor, a hospital approved nurse or paramedic onboard the ambulance. This is due to the fact that we are not certified as an advanced life support ambulance.
- f. **NO PATIENTS WITH OPEN OR OOOZING WOUNDS** without the proper dressings as per the instructions of a competent medical authority.
- g. **NO DOCTOR APPOINTMENTS.**
- h. **NO WHEELCHAIR TRANSPORTS OR AMBULETTE SERVICES**, the Police Relief Fund Ambulance is a NYS Certified Ambulance and is not equipped to transport patients in a wheelchair, therefore patients able to be seated upright and/or transported in a wheelchair are ineligible for the service.

IT SHOULD BE FURTHER NOTED THAT FOR THE PROTECTION OF ALL PATIENTS AND THE TRANSPORTING OFFICERS, ALL PRUDENT AND NECESSARY SAFETY STANDARDS AND MEDICAL PRECAUTIONS AS DIRECTED BY NYSDOH AND REGIONAL EMS PROTOCOLS SHALL BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED.

3. The ambulance service is available primarily Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 11 :00 PM. It should be further noted that we are not a "first responder ambulance". The initial ambulance transportation to a medical facility should be handled directly through the patient's emergency ambulance number, whether that be "911" or another local emergency telephone number. As soon as the patient is stabilized at the initial receiving hospital, we will be glad to handle subsequent transfers. However, the patient must have an admitting physician as well as a room available at the receiving facility prior to transfer.

4. The following is a sample list of durable medical equipment currently stocked at our command and available to the membership and their families as **prescribed** by a competent medical authority (i.e. Physician, Physician Assistant, Nurse Practitioner, etc.):

- oxygen therapy equipment
- portable oxygen
- oxygen concentrators
- pulmo-aide equipment
- fully adjustable electric hospital beds
- wheel chairs, reclining wheel chairs
- hip chairs
- commodes, toilet seat extensions
- canes, crutches
- hoyer lifts and slings
- trapeze bars
- tens unit therapy
- geriatric chairs
- intravenous stands
- shower chairs, transfer benches

Additionally, other medical equipment comes available on occasion and members are advised to call this command with their specific and immediate medical need. If the medical equipment is currently available, the member will be advised, and arrangements will be made for pickup or delivery to the patient. If the patient lives within the confines of the City of New York, our command can make arrangements for the equipment to be delivered and professionally set up at the patient's residence. If the patient lives outside the City of New York, our staff will make necessary arrangements for a convenient time for the member to pick up the equipment at our facility.

5. The entire benefit program described above is a cost-free benefit to all Uniformed Members of the Service and their covered family members. UMOS remain responsible for the serviceable return of all loaned durable medical equipment.
6. All requests for ambulance transportation and/or prescribed medical equipment is subject to availability, such requests should first be submitted to the patient's insurance provider. The Police Relief Fund and the Emergency Medical Squad will make every effort to accommodate the members request as covered by this benefit program. This benefit program is subject to change without notice.
7. UMOS should be prepared to provide the following information at the time of their request for service from the Emergency Medical Squad: patient's full name, address, phone number, date of birth, social security number, height, weight, current medical condition, prescription. In addition the requesting UMOS rank, full name, command, home address, phone number and relationship to the patient.
8. In the event that you have any questions or concerns not already covered in this communication or Patrol Guide Procedure 205-04, Department Ambulance Service, regarding the benefits of the Police Relief Fund through the Emergency Medical Squad, please feel free to contact Sgt. Matthew Pignataro, Sergeant-in-Charge, Emergency Medical Squad or the undersigned at (718) 626-9320.

THIS ARTICLE WAS EXCERPTED FROM THE CHARLOTTE 10-13 ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

IF A MEMBER DIES - INFORMATION TO THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OR FAMILY (Hopefully Not Needed For A Long Time)

Too often spouses and families are left in a quandary upon the death of a loved one. Few situations in life are more stressful than when a spouse passes. All too often we have a difficult time focusing on the issues at hand and need guidance to get the deceased affairs in order. The following is a general guide for the widow(er) or the deceased's family regarding important notifications that must be made by the surviving spouse and information you should have on hand when a retiree dies.

I. PREPARATIONS BEFOREHAND

- **GATHER ASSETS** - This doesn't mean piling them all together. It means getting a list of all the assets at the time of the decedent's death, along with copies of statements, deeds, etc. This information is needed for probate. It's also essential for filing federal and state estate tax returns, if required.
- **REVIEW IRAs** - If the surviving spouse is the beneficiary, decide whether to roll an IRA over to the surviving spouse.
- **GET GOOD ADVICE** - and get it now. The money you pay to attorneys and other advisers to resolve issues NOW can be much lower than if you deal with problems AFTER a person's death.
- In case of couples, usually most of the property is held in joint names and the survivor obtains same "by operation of law". However, there may be some items which were held in the name of the deceased only, and in that case it would be necessary to go to Probate Court to transfer ownership of that property, unless listed in a trust.
- **GET ORGANIZED NOW** - When someone dies, one of the big problems for beneficiaries is locating the things necessary to settle the estate. Make sure you know before the death occurs where to find the following documents and information.

(This is just a partial list)

1. Living Will
2. Trust
3. Deeds (if any).
4. Safe-deposit boxes
(location of boxes, contents and keys)
5. Life insurance policies.
6. Funeral and burial instructions.
7. Names and addresses of creditors and debtors.
8. List of assets and where they are located.
9. List of all advisers (attorney, accountant, insurance agent, stockbroker, etc.).

II. STEPS TO BE TAKEN AFTER DEATH - Notifications to be made:

1. NYC Police Pension Fund (either in writing or by telephone)
233 Broadway, 25th Floor, New York, New York 10279
Attention: Retiree Death Benefits Unit Telephone (212) 693-5607/5919
Contact the appropriate Union for a possible existing life insurance policy and for continuation of optional benefits, if qualified.
- Police Officers - Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (PBA) at (212) 233-5531
- Detectives - Detectives' Endowment Association (DEA) at (212) 587-9120
- Sergeants - Sergeant's Benevolent Association (SBA) at (212) 431-6555
- Lieutenants and above - Superior Officers Council (SOC) at (212) 964-7500
2. Contact the NYC Health Benefits Program for Special Continuation of Coverage application (coverage for life) located at 40 Rector Street, 3rd Floor, New York 10006 (212) 513-0470.
3. Contact the NYPD Operations Unit located at One Police Plaza at (646) 610-5580, for pall bearers (Funeral Director will usually do this for you) for all five boroughs, all of Long Island and Upstate New York, but not beyond Dutchess County.
4. Contact Social Security: (800) 772-1213 (Funeral Director will usually do this for you).
5. Contact Fraternal Organizations to arrange for visitors, Color Guard and possible insurance benefits. THIS AND THAT
6. If a veteran, notify the Veterans Administration at (800) 827-1000 for: Grave marker, Funeral Allowance and Flag (Funeral Director will usually do this for you). If can't find discharge papers or DD 214, you will need date of Enlistment, date of Discharge, Branch & Serial Number. If deceased had 100% disability for 10 years, spouse is entitled to an additional benefit.
7. Notify your Church or Temple for announcements. (Funeral Director will usually do this for you).
8. Health Insurance: COBRA (Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985) COBRA has a safety net. If spouse or dependent was covered under deceased's health plan they may continue coverage under COBRA for up to 36 months. New York State in 2001 amended the Administrative Code to continue Health Care Coverage for Surviving Spouses for Life (Download Information Regarding this Amendment).
This enables the deceased's spouse and/or dependents to receive coverage at the group rate.
The City and the Line Organization health benefits stop at the death of the members.
The rate, though high, is cheaper than the non group rate.
Call: NYC Employee Benefits (212) 513-0470

THIS INFORMATION PERTAINS TO COBRA

Police Officers & Firefighter surviving spouses are to follow this procedure:

Attach a machine copy of the death certificate to a request for an application for COBRA FOR LIFE and send it to:

Retired Employees Benefits Section, Att: Linda Harris (Cobra for Life), 40 Rector Street – 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10006

They will send the surviving spouse a pre-numbered application allowing the spouse to continue the health coverage the member had at a cost equal to 102% of what the City pays, which includes administrative fees. This is fairly reasonable. Applying for this must be done within 30 days. Benefits are retroactive if the surviving spouse requires medical attention during this interim period.

At this time if a member and spouse are of Medicare age, and reside in an area covered by Aetna, I would strongly recommend they choose that plan over GHI/EBC/CBP.

THINGS YOU WILL NEED

DEATH CERTIFICATES - Death Certificates are necessary in every step to the successful administration of a decedent's estate. (Usually Funeral will obtain certificates as part of his service at current cost). They are usually needed for:

Pension Bureau

Veterans Administration (if a veteran)

Motor Vehicle Bureau if auto was in deceased's name. 1 for each insurance policy. Court (If probate is needed).

Your State Dept. of Revenue to obtain non-tax certificate if real property is involved. Bank accounts held in Trust for another 1 for each account if property held in a Trust. Personal Records.

Note: If estate is probated, some of the above will take a Letter Testamentary instead of a Death Certificate.

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE (With Official Raised Seal):

Social Security, (not necessary if surviving spouse already receiving benefits) Veterans Administration, if a veteran.

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY or LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION:

Motor Vehicle Bureau, if auto is in the deceased's name.

One for each bank account

Brokerage house account (share of stock or bonds, etc. that were in the deceased's name alone)

DISCHARGE PAPERS: DD 214 - (Original needed)

Social Security, if spouse was not already receiving benefits. Remember that service time counts toward qualification.

They will Photostat.

Veterans Administration, if a veteran

PAID FUNERAL BILLS: 1 copy for Pension Bureau, 1 copy for Probate Court, 1 copy for IRS, if taxable estate.

OTHER THINGS THAT MAY APPLY (usually after burial)

- Cancel any leases. (If your parent or loved one rented a home, cancel the lease after clearing out the furnishings)
Inform insurance companies.
- File life insurance claims for any policies on the person's life, and request that the insurers send you Form 712, Life Insurance Statement (this is a statement about the life insurance that must be filed with the estate tax return).
- Make sure the car insurance company continues to cover the person's car until it's sold or transferred to a beneficiary.
- Make sure the homeowners policy continues to provide adequate coverage for the person's things until removed from the home.
- Notify companies the person did business with.
- Cancel credit cards, and close charge accounts.
- Have airlines to transfer frequent-flier miles to the primary beneficiary.
(Each airline has different policy concerning this issue. Check with carrier about rules)

Consideration should also be given to making pre-death funeral arrangements. This provision, no matter how painful, should be discussed by couples and by parents with their families. Too often, spouse and children spend much too much money on a funeral and do so without really knowing what were the deceased's wishes in this regard (Place of burial, Cremation, etc.)

Consideration should also be given to having a "Family Durable Power of Attorney" (Someone to take over your finances if you become incapacitated or incompetent)

There are no words of comfort at such a difficult time, however, if you have all the necessary information at the ready it will expedite any claim that is pending, make the process run smoothly, and your stress level can be minimized.

Attached is a List of Phone Numbers that you can print out and put with your important papers.

Operations Desk NYCPD General Info Pension Section - 646-610-5580

ID Card Section Employee Benefits - 646-610-5000

Pension Section - 866-692-7733

ID Card Section - 646-610-5150

Employee Benefits - 212-513-0470

PBA Health & Welfare - 212-349-756

PBA Caremark Section - 877-722-7911

PBA Satellite - 954-977-3880

DEA - 212-587-9120

SBA - 212-226-2180

SBA Health & Welfare - 212-431-6555

RSA - 516-564-1861

LBA - SOC - 212-964-7500

GHI - 800-358-5500

EMPIRE BLUE CROSS - 800-433-9592

Medicare Reimbursement - 212-513-0470

Medicare - 800-633-4227

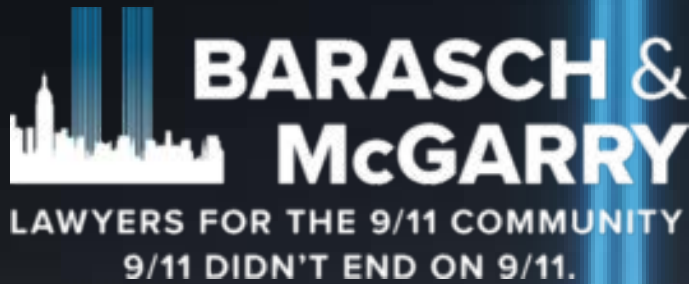
Social Security - 800-772-1213

Social Security TTY# - 800-325-0778

COBRA INFO FOR SURVIVING SPOUSE: <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/olr/health/retiree/health-retiree-cobra.page>

COBRA health benefits for surviving spouses.

1. Google - Health Benefits NYC
2. Click on Health Benefits
3. You will be on NYC Office of Labor Relations site
4. Click on RETIREE at top
5. Then on left side click on FORMS AND DOWNLOADS
6. Then click on COBRA FORM NOTICE OF RIGHTS AND COBRA
7. This form has all the info needed and also where to mail form to.
8. This is Cobra for life for the surviving spouse.



Attention: NYPD Responders

69 CANCERS AND MANY RESPIRATORY ILLNESSES HAVE BEEN LINKED TO 9/11 TOXINS.

Anyone who participated in the rescue and recovery operations in Lower Manhattan on 9/11, or during any part of the 8 months that followed, may be eligible for free health care and significant compensation.

The most common 9/11 illnesses for first responders include respiratory conditions, skin cancers, prostate cancer, blood cancers, thyroid cancer, breast cancer, lung cancer, and kidney cancer.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE BENEFITS TO WHICH YOU ARE ENTITLED:

- \$90,000-\$250,000 awards for skin cancers
- \$200,000-\$340,000 awards for other cancers
- \$20,000-\$90,000 for respiratory illnesses
- \$250,000+ for families who lost a loved one
- Additional compensation for lost income

CONTACT US FOR A FREE CONSULTATION:

- 📞 212-385-8000
- 🌐 911VICTIMS.COM



REGISTER NOW—EVEN IF YOU'RE CURRENTLY HEALTHY.

You do not need to be sick or to have been diagnosed or certified with a 9/11-related condition in order to register. But don't leave it to your family to start the process after you get sick. Protect your family!

TWO PROGRAMS AVAILABLE:



WORLD TRADE CENTER HEALTH PROGRAM

A federal program that certifies 9/11 illnesses and offers free nationwide health care. No copays, no deductibles. Free cancer screenings because early detection is the key to survival.



VICTIM COMPENSATION FUND (VCF)

A \$10+ billion federal program permanently extended and fully funded by the U.S. government. All awards are tax-free. It's not too late for most families who lost loved ones due to 9/11 illnesses to register—but some deadlines apply so enroll now.

The NYCPD Verrazano 10-13 Memorial High School & College 2023-2024 Scholarship Award Application

APPLICATION

Extra Copies of the application may be obtained at our website VZ1013.com or it can be duplicated (see below). Non-conforming applications will be discarded.

SPONSOR

Applicants must be sponsored by a member of Verrazano 10-13 Association in good standing for the past two (2) years. A sponsor may submit multiple applications for different children. However, a sponsor is limited to only one scholarship award every two (2) consecutive yearly drawings.

ELIGIBILITY

A son, daughter or grandchild of a member is eligible for a scholarship and must be attending or enrolled in a College on a full-time basis (taking at least 12 credits) for the 2023-2024 school year. Each child can only win once, but a member can sponsor another child after waiting (2) years. ONLY ONE ENTRY PER APPLICANT IS PERMITTED, If more than one application is received for the same applicant, all but one will be discarded.

VERIFICATION OF ATTENDANCE

Applicants must be attending the education facility during the application year. Proof of enrollment must accompany the application.

NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

For the 2023-2024 school year, a \$1000 College Scholarship In Memory of President Richard Comesso and two (2) \$500.00 College Scholarships will be awarded also one (1) High School for \$500.00 will be awarded.

SCHOLARSHIP DRAWINGS

Drawings will be on a lottery basis in order to give each applicant an equal chance for selection. Scholarship awards will be drawn at the Verrazano 10-13 Christmas Luncheon in December (Alternate drawing date is the January General Meeting). All applications must be received prior to the drawing date. NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THE DAY OF THE DRAWING.

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National NYCPD 10-13 Organization Presidents Message

Hope all is well with you and your family. During the last couple of months, we have all been fighting to keep our NYC Health Benefits from being changed. I would like to thank everyone who participated in our efforts with the City Council to stop the change to the Administrative Code. When the Speaker of the Council spoke at the hearing, she mentioned that she received over 100,000 emails from retirees requesting that the City Council not change the code.

Through the Summer and Fall we have been working on forming a Legislative Information Network (LIN) with many other organizations. The network is up and running and continues to grow. The LIN was utilized for the City Council effort, and we thank those organizations for their participation in stopping the change being sought by the MLC. I should also mention the work being done by the NYC Organization of Public Service Retirees on our health protection and the great job they have been doing.

The effort by the City and the MLC is not over and since we are into the NY State Legislative Session, we are moving forward with our health protection legislation. As we all know, the attempt by the City and the MLC would affect all civil service retirees. There are two health protection bills that are numbered for this session. One bill, sponsored by Senator Lanza (S4191), and Assemblyman Weprin (A4989) would protect all retirees in New York State. We are putting our efforts into moving this bill forward, and working with the Alliance to get this bill a dedicated effective date. Once the actions are planned I will reach out to you through your club president. Expect that soon.

Regards to All,

Mike Fahy
President
National NYCPD 10-13 Organization

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