

# September 11<sup>th</sup> Victim Compensation Fund (VCF)

## *Fact Sheet for FDNY WTC First Responders*

- *The September 11<sup>th</sup> Victim Compensation Fund, or VCF, was established by the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2010.*
- *It was created to provide compensation for any individual (or the loved ones of those who have died) who may have suffered physical harm or was killed as a result of the attacks of September 11, 2001, or the rescue and recovery efforts after.*
- *These individuals may apply for compensation for economic and non-economic (pain and suffering) losses stemming from their physical injuries.*
- *This can include reimbursement for medical expenses not covered by the WTC Health Program.*
- *For most injured 9/11 Responders and Survivors, Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 is the deadline to submit a registration to meet the VCF's filing requirements.*
- *For 9/11 Responders and Survivors who have a WTC-certified cancer, or a late developing WTC-covered and certified condition, the VCF registration deadline is later.*
- **Please note** – Being enrolled in and participating in the FDNY WTC Health Program (WTC Monitoring and Treatment) **does NOT mean that you are enrolled in the VCF.**

### **There are actually two important deadlines for filing a VCF claim:**

- **The first deadline is the date by which you must Register with the VCF to be recognized as a Claimant.** Most of those eligible to apply for 9/11 VCF compensation **must register by Oct. 3, 2013.**
- **The second deadline is the date by which you must file your completed Eligibility and Compensation Forms and the required supporting documents.** This second (2<sup>nd</sup>) deadline is **October 3, 2016** and is the same for *all* claimants.
- *For more information, visit [www.vcf.gov](http://www.vcf.gov), or call toll free (1-855) 885-1555.*