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Re: Zadroga Act

Dear Ken,

As many of us are aware, unless extended, the funding under the Zadroga Act is scheduled to end in October 2016. In the event that it is not extended, this will mean that many of the first responders and volunteers who worked at Ground Zero and other locations and now suffer health problems due to the exposure of toxins will not be able to be compensated for their injuries.


I believe now as I did then that those who answered the call of duty and placed themselves in harm's way and, as a result now find themselves suffering from various ailments, deserve to be compensated along with their families.

The law firms of Rogers McCarron & Habas, P.C. and Napoli Shkolnik PLLC are working together and will be scheduling workshops for the retired and active first responders that worked at Ground Zero so that they may ask questions about eligibility and illnesses that are now covered and promptly get the answers they need in order to make the determination as to whether to file for compensation. Based upon available information, all claims should be filed no later than April 2016. I strongly urge and recommend that if any of our members have considered filing a claim but instead are waiting and counting on the Zadroga Act being extended, do not do so. They should instead immediately make inquiries to determine if they are eligible and commencing the necessary action to protect their and their families' interest.

Ken Vitty, President  
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Please contact me at (845) 359-5400 if time will allow us to discuss the Zadroga Act at our next general membership meeting. I will also appreciate it if you would kindly forward this correspondence to any of the active and retired organizations so they may contact me if they wish to discuss filing under the Zadroga Act.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

  
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