

Fraternal Order of Police



POLICE SURGEON'S LODGE - SA03

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Official Position on Extending the Zadroga Act (HR 1786 and S928)

To Members of the US Congress:

September 11, 2001 changed many lives, families and the security of America when terrorists attacked and killed 2996 civilians and demolished the World Trade Center and surrounding areas of lower Manhattan.

We cannot bring back those victims but we, the Police Surgeons of Lodge SA03, strongly believe that we can and should help the 33,000 plus, surviving police officers, firefighters and other first responders whose heroic efforts to save the lives of others now suffer debilitating respiratory and other illnesses directly related to the exposure to toxins and other pollutants in the air surrounding the Towers after the World Trade Center collapse.

This Lodge is dedicated to the support and health of all law enforcement and we call upon you, Congress, to do the same. In medicine, we must often triage patients in emergency rooms, disaster sites and in war based on available resources and likely outcome. We cannot treat those victims who died on September 11th but we believe in the strongest terms that Congress can, and must, allocate resources to treat police, firefighters and others who responded on 9-11, so they may continue to benefit from our care. We, the American people, and Congress have a moral and ethical responsibility to these brave men and women that must be met.

It is therefore resolved that New York Police Surgeons Lodge SA Lodge SA03 calls upon Congress to extend the Zadroga Act.

Respectfully submitted and on behalf of the Board of Directors,

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