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9/11 Victim Compensation Fund Not Just for FDNY's First Responders

Here are some of the awards being given out to first responders around the country for the illnesses that they sustained in the service of our country at the World Trade Center Site

The VCF will only award compensation for economic loss to a claimant who has been found to be disabled as a result of a 9/11 certified physical illness (not a psychological illness). The disability finding must be made by an independent governmental entity (such as the FDNY, NYCERS, Workers' Compensation Board, or the Social Security Administration). Claimants who haven't been found to be disabled are generally not entitled to an award for economic loss.

Non-economic loss determinations have ranged from \$0 to \$340,000, depending on the severity of the illness, whether the illness is permanent, and whether the claimant has already been awarded compensation for the same illnesses in a prior WTC claim or lawsuit.

Economic loss awards are based on a claimant's age, work history and prior income. Where a claimant has received a disability pension, Social Security disability award, or WTC litigation settlement, the VCF award will be commensurately reduced. The range of awards is evidence that the VCF is making awards on a case-by case basis.

The following are some of the hundreds of award determinations issued to our clients who have been certified with WTC-related disabling illnesses ranging from minor respiratory illnesses to severe disabling cancers. They are listed for informational purposes only.

Wrongful Death Awards

Death due to 9/11-certified illness. Award includes compensation for income lost over a normal lifespan.

\$3,254,242 for wrongful death of a firefighter due to 9/11-related asthma/RADS

\$1,731,917 for wrongful death of a carpenter due to lung cancer

\$990,084 for wrongful death of a carpenter due to tonsil cancer

\$600,000 for the wrongful death of a Westbury Fire Department volunteer due to pancreatic cancer

\$537,642 for the wrongful death of a news cinematographer due to breast cancer

\$338,565 for the wrongful death of an FDNY firefighter due to COPD/chronic bronchitis/GERD

Disabling Cancer Awards

Compensation for 9/11-related cancers including income lost due to disability.

\$3,700,651 for a disabled NYC police officer due to leukemia

\$2,114,559 for a disabled stock broker due to multiple myeloma

\$1,934,316 for a disabled teacher due to esophageal cancer

\$1,368,869 for a disabled construction worker with lung cancer

\$1,365,415 for a disabled FEMA Search & Rescue task force member with colon cancer

\$1,098,050 for a disabled teacher with thyroid cancer and kidney cancer

Non-Disabling Cancer Awards

The following are some of the hundreds of noneconomic loss awards that the VCF has issued to our clients with non-disabling cancers and other WTC-related illnesses.

\$340,000 for a downtown office worker with skin cancer and larynx cancer

\$300,000 for a retired firefighter & iron worker with B-cell lymphoma & asthma

\$250,000 for a retired NJ firefighter with melanoma of skin

\$250,000 for a school administrative staff worker due to multiple myeloma

\$125,000 for a former high school student due to skin cancer

Disabling Non-Cancer Awards

Compensation for 9/11-related illnesses (other than cancer) including income lost due to disability

\$1,929,789 for a downtown elevator mechanic with asthma; Chronic rhinitis; Esophageal reflux

\$1,881,017 for a NYC firefighter with esophageal reflux; Barrett's esophagus; Asthma; Sinusitis; Obstructive sleep apnea

\$1,482,771 for a court officer with asthma; Chronic airway obstruction; Chronic sinusitis; Esophageal reflux; Barrett's esophagus; Chronic bronchitis; Obstructive sleep apnea

\$1,356,743 for a doctor with chronic rhinitis; Esophageal reflux; Other bronchitis and brachial neuritis; Thoracic/lumbosacral neuritis/radiculitis

\$1,270,072 for a NYC firefighter with asthma; Chronic rhinitis; Esophageal reflux; Obstructive sleep apnea; Sinusitis

\$1,251,768 for a NYPD officer with asthma; Chronic rhinitis; Esophageal reflux; Disease of vocal cords

Non-Disabling, Non-Cancer Awards

The following are some of the hundreds of noneconomic loss awards that the VCF has issued to our clients with non-disabling cancers and other WTC-related illnesses.

\$90,000 for an office worker due to chronic bronchitis

\$90,000 for a debris clean-up worker/laborer due to sinusitis; Obstructive sleep apnea; Chronic rhinitis

\$65,000 for a former teacher downtown due to severe asthma

\$35,000 for a construction worker due to asthma; Chronic rhinitis

\$25,000 for a former office worker due to asthma; Obstructive sleep apnea

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