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**Subject:** 9/11 NYPD first responder,,,my late husband

I think cancer should be included this is why,,, my husband was a sergeant for NYPD,,, pass away on March 5 2011 due to cancer. During his illness we struggled with all kinds of financial affairs from household bills to medical bills, when you are struggling with a illness the financial affairs are the last worries you need in your struggle to make your health any better. There were times he couldn't get certain med's cause the funds weren't there, so we had to wait,,it's not a illness that happens overnight, it can be years of suffering,, and it takes its toll after awhile,if only my husband would have had some kind of compensation while he was sick, it would have been one less worry off his mind. These responders need the help now for themselves and families. No one will ever know what it is like until you have lived with your loved one and watch them suffer because of that day on 9/11. Don't understand what's taking so long to make a decision,, time is not waiting on the first responders with cancer,, they need the help now. Don't wait till they pass away because of their illness,, they need you NOW.

My prayers go out to all those who are suffering due to 9/11, Margie Smith wife of Harold J Smith First Responder

Rest In Peace

Sent from my iPhone