



Meet Mr. Sal Banchitta. Recently retired from “the job”, he continues to support the entire community of first responders as a health and wellness advocate and a public speaker about maintaining continued health checkups and a proactive approach to health, safety and wellness. Sal is an elected Senior Ambassador of the “**GET CHECKED NOW!**” program developed by the clinical leaders of AwarenessforaCure.org and is also one of the contributing writers of the 9/11 Survivor Stories Newsletter. (See his complete interview)



Welcome to the FIRST RESPONDERS CANCER RESOURCE. Formerly the 9/11 CancerScan program, FRCR is a joint alliance between medical and clinical professionals and advocacy groups dedicated to bringing support to all first responders who may be affected by the many cancer risks and injuries "on the job".

THE TWO-PART MISSION TO SAVE LIVES

Fact: Cancer is a grim and dark topic that no one enjoys talking about. It’s not uncommon for many to BURY the idea – preferring to believe cancer can happen to someone else- and never US. But the true reality gathered from statistics is that **CANCER WILL ALWAYS SURPRISE YOU!** This is why our crusade is about getting the drop on cancer by staying smart with awareness and facing this sneaky disease before it catches you!

Any cancer survivor, cancer specialist or patient advocate will tell you that fighting cancer requires a **ONE-TWO PUNCH** comprised of **EDUCATIONAL AWARENESS** to reinforce a proactive lifestyle and the right information of what’s truly available in the treatment world. The second half of the battle is taking on the regimen of Early Detection and Prevention through **REGULAR CHECKUPS & SCREENING**. That’s the smarts behind the ‘GET CHECKED NOW!’ message and our public message to our community.

WHO ARE WE AND WHAT CAN WE DO?

Environmental toxins and carcinogens often arise from chemicals activated at high temperatures where a rescuer exposed to this can have lasting effects on his or her health. Our organization is founded by a joint advisory partnership between first responders & survivors exposed to 9/11 and medical professionals who are experienced working with firefighters and 9/11 cancer cases. We are also patient advocates whose public awareness and educational efforts are dedicated to "getting the word out" about the latest information pertaining to the health and safety of all responders. Together, we have established a set of resource efforts online providing useful information and access to other cancer foundations, funding resources, support groups, clinical facilities and treatment innovation options and other ways that may support existing patients or the prevention and early detection to help our first responders.



Let us know how we can help our heroes stay safe.

RECENT EDUCATIONAL ARTICLES



Types of Cancers from WTC Disaster - an Overview Dr. Jesse A. Stoff

For people who have been exposed to the fallout (as lethal as radioactive fallout) and the dust from the 911 catastrophe, we're seeing not just these kinds of cancers but many other cases that are considered to be rare in prior groups. These rare cancers are delineated on the CDC website and are occurring, undoubtedly, because of the mixture of toxins that people have been exposed to. The volume of these toxins are absorbed into their bodies since 9/11 (while working with the clean-up efforts) and can't get rid of them.



When It's Time to Speak to a THERAPIST (part 1)

Mental Health is a concern in the first responder community especially since the 9/11 attacks where traumatic experiences could greatly affect our lives in complex and debilitating ways. Here are some troubling signs that may indicate a need for help." First responders are constantly exposed to many unforeseen challenges of (and from) the job- many of which can cause a lasting impression to the body or the mind.



Innovative New Cancer Detection from A "SIMPLE BLOOD TEST"

Recently, a new form of blood test called IvyGene can confirm the presence of cancer as early as stage 1 by providing measurable data in the form of a score to make it easier to understand- while confirming the presence of cancer early, when it can be more easily managed and treated. "...our mission is to make cancer testing available and affordable for everyone. We work closely with thousands of physicians nationwide to provide early cancer confirmation and save lives sooner. Unlike many genetic tests that use DNA to determine the propensity or possibility of developing cancer over time, the IvyGene test confirms actual disease presence at the time of testing."



SPECIAL VIDEO: Cancer Detection for Firefighters using Genetic/Blood Testing (see www.HealthScanNYC.org)

The Bedford Fire Dept is among the growing list of fire departments across the U.S. that are now pursuing advanced cancer detection protocols due to the job-related risk and elevated exposure to hazardous materials linked to cancers.



Richard Marrone & the 9/11 Cancer Resource Group

Richard Marrone is a career veteran with the NY Fire Department, an active FDNY Paramedic trainer and a first responder at 9/11-- his interest and personal insight to the concerns of ALL responders led to deeper exchange with the cancer imaging directors and soon became the establishment of a major public health outreach project and support network called the 911CancerScan program.

THE 9/11 CANCERSCAN PROGRAM

Founded in 2017, the 9/11 CancerScan program has expanded to reach ALL firefighters (including the retired and active-duty firefighters who may or may not have served in Ground Zero). It uses the same disciplines and protocols to provide awareness and diagnostic options targeting rescue workers exposed to some of the most common health issues.

Our founders elected to introduce REGULAR SCREENING through the use of safe, non-invasive advanced sonogram technology. This same radiation-free innovation out-performs MRI's, X-Rays and CT-Scans to accurately gather real-time images of the inside of the body. It is used to find anomalies and help diagnose any injuries, tumors, cysts and infection while allowing the diagnostician the ability to zoom and 'travel' deep into the body for maximum exploration.



SCAN 1: For all new patients, it is recommended to start with a diagnostic imaging exam of the patient's LUNGS, BLADDER, THYROID and LIVER to seek out any significant cysts and tumors. These are the more common organs that would show any telltale signs of any further issues in the body.

PROSTATE: The CDC has recorded Prostate Cancer as the second largest number of cancer cases in first responders. We offer a comprehensive prostate scan using advanced Doppler technology to monitor and identify any cancerous issues that may pre-exist.

ADVANCED LUNG STUDY: Airborne toxins and carcinogens make their way throughout the body starting with the lungs. A more in-depth look at this area helps us identify any infections past or present from scarring or early stages of growths in the nearby airways. This can also be used as a preventative or early-detection procedure for possible future cases of Lung Cancer.

FULL SKIN DIAGNOSTICS: The CDC rated non-melanoma skin cancer (NMSC) as the most common tumor in 9/11 cases. Skin cancer rates are continuing to rise and the most deadly form (melanoma) may be ruled out by 3D Doppler histogram imaging and advanced optical diagnostics.

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