



First Responders Health Resource

Health & Safety Awareness Support for our Local Rescuers



OVERVIEW ABOUT OUR FIRST RESPONDERS HEALTH AWARENESS: MISSION & VISION

Our main org is NYCRA, NY Cancer Resource Alliance- a branch of the AngloFoundation (501c3)- a non-profit cancer research and education program.

- 1) We started our crusade in 2017 to bring awareness to First Responders focusing on the survivorship of 9/11 responders by writing articles on survivors, treatment options, diagnostics and reports on cancer cases. We shared these articles for republishing via social media with all community groups, firefighter orgs and cancer orgs- and built many new relationships and partners including retired firefighters and healthcare & cancer experts.
- 2) Gaining a full understanding of the occupational hazards and toxic exposures of fire rescue service workers, we upgraded our mission statement to support ALL first responders (not just 9/11 responders) and partnered with other retired firefighters, FF leaders and groups.
- 3) By the spring of 2017, we launched our SPEAKER SERIES where we assembled volunteer advocates who were also grassroots educators about cancer awareness. We have a list of doctors (diagnosticians, cancer specialists etc) who volunteered their time to speak in FF group meetings.
- 4) We partnered with many cancer orgs to catalog all possible resources for cancer survivors. As one example, we allied with is the Male Breast Cancer Coalition- as we discovered many cases of MBC in firefighters that have gone un-recorded. Because of this, we partnered with one of our docs to build the 'first male friendly breast cancer scan center in NY"
- 5) Over time, we grew in numbers- building new alliances, ambassadors and supporters. Other professionals (including this article) such as HAZMAT specialists contributed their expertise to our cause.
- 6) "GET CHECKED NOW!" is our flagship message to the first responders – to be vigilant, proactive and to target the major DENIAL that (we believe) is a major cause of cancer malignancy in our community.
- 7) "THE FIRE STILL BURNS"- is a film project (mini-series of interviews) produced by NYCRA about surviving first responders from historical events. They share and describe their firsthand experiences and express their thoughts about safety, their health and concerns about all first responders.
- 8) Visit our main website: www.HEALTHSCANNYC.org