

Resources for FDNY members

FDNY HQ General Information – 718-999-2000

Counseling Services Unit – 212-570-1693

Counseling for members, Fire, EMS, Civilian as well as their families, including spouses, children (over 18), parents, siblings, significant others.

Assist with obtaining services outside of CSU with referrals within health insurance network and specialists.

Suicide Prevention Line – 800-273-8255

Family Assistance Unit -FAU – 718-999-1473. Available 24/7 by contacting FDOC at 718-999-7900

Assist w/sick, injured, deceased

Scholarship

Memorials/plaques

Transport – dr. appts/treatment for active and WTC retired -347-865-6866

Fire Family Transport - 718-496-3893

Transport for dr. appts/treatment for pre 9/11 retirees and non 9/11 illnesses. Active and retired for WTC appointments and treatment – 347-865-6866.

Ceremonial –718-281-3864

Handle all ceremonial events (i.e. plaque dedications, funerals, etc.).

Honor Emergency Fund – 718-999-2531

Financially assists FDNY employees, including active and retired Firefighters and their dependents and active civilian and EMS employees and their families, with the burden of costs due to most forms of medical and psychological needs (after any insurance or other benefit payments), select related areas, and personal hardship.

EMS Help Fund -917-748-9586

The funds are expressly for the EMTs & Paramedics of the FDNY to ensure the security of Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics and their families in the event of death, injury, illness or hardship.

Counseling - FDNY EMS members and their families who are in crisis should call or text 988. Connected 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

EMS FDNY Help Fund has partners that can provide treatment on a less immediate basis:

Hands on Health Associates provides an **EMS Hotline: 646- 838-3948** and expedited access to confidential mental health services.

Unions

UFA – 212-683-4832
UFA Security Benefits Fund – 212-683-4723
UFOA – 212-293-9300
UFOA Family Protection Plan – 212-376-8400
EMS-Local 2507 – 718-371-0310
EMS Officers – 212-815-1220
DC 37 – 212-815-1000
DC 37 Health & Security Benefits – 212-815-1234
Management Benefits Fund -212-306-7200

Pensions

Fire Pension Fund – 929-436-0099
Welfare Fund -Death benefits- 929-436-0099
NYCERS- 347-643-3000

Surgical Assistance Fund – 718-999-1252 or 646-733-7052

The Surgical Assistance Program is dedicated to providing active and retired members of the UFA and UFOA with financial assistance for surgical procedures. The Plan provides for the payment of benefits ranging from \$15.00 to \$300.00 per procedure. The Fund annual dues are \$10.00 per individual membership and \$15.00 per family membership.

Retiring UFA members must be participating in the program in order for the UFA to assume payment of the member's dues after retirement. Retiring UFOA members participating in the program must contact the Surgical Assistance Desk at (718) 999-1252 or (646) 733-7052 to continue membership and will be billed directly every year. There is no membership entrance after retirement.

Catastrophic Insurance – 1-800-503-9230

Health Insurance-NYC

Active – 718-999-2196 (FDNY)
Retired – 212-513-0470 (Office of Labor Relations)
PICA prescription drug benefit program - 800-467-2006.
Additional Benefits – dental, optical, prescription provided through individual unions

Medicare-Part B refund –212-513-0470 or healthbenefits@olr.nyc.gov

You must submit a copy of your Medicare card with the program application to receive reimbursement. Reimbursement is issued in April by direct deposit (unless you receive your pension by physical check).

BHS

Nurses Station – 718-999-1918, 1919, 1920
Medical Office – 718-999-1867
WTC Medicals – 718-999-1858
Annual Medicals – 718-999-1853
Medical Leave Desk – 718-330-2204
WTC Nurses – 718-28-7955

Retirement Desk (uniforms) – 718-999-2324

Workers Comp EMS – 718-999-1846

Deferred Compensation – 212-306-7760

Drug Testing Unit – 718-999-7043

Emergency Bereavement Leave – 718-999-2173

Scholarships:

Available information:

FAU – 718-999-1473

Request scholarship booklet (paper or electronic)

FDNY – 718-281-8465

Request scholarship booklet

DC 37 – 212-815-1700

UFA Scholarship – 646-839-6506

For active members, their spouses and dependent children of active, retired or deceased Firefighters, Fire Marshals, Marine Wipers, Marine Engineers & Pilots who are full-time students up to and including age 23 for undergraduate education.

UFOA Bravest Scholarship Fund – 212-293-9300

Children of both firefighters and fire officers who died as an active member are eligible to apply.

Life Insurance -information and applications available through individual unions

Death Benefit – Fire suppression – active \$8,500; retired \$7,500

Foundations that provide assistance to FDNY members:

FDNY Foundation – 718-999-0779

Promote fire and life safety education. The FDNY Foundation funds programs that advance the FDNY's goals, which include maintaining operational excellence, reaching out to the community with an array of fire and life safety programs, and ensuring that our firefighters and EMS personnel have the best available training and equipment.

Fire & Drums Foundation (William Tolley)- contact through website www.firesanddrums.org

Foundation offers financial support to families of First Responders and Military members who are enduring a tragedy related to their loved ones' duties.

Jesse Gerhard Memorial Foundation – contact through website www.jessegerhardmemorial.com

The organization that raises funds and awareness for First Responders and their families in times of need.

Fight for Firefighters Foundation – 516-893-1694

Build medically needed alterations for those in need who are battling late-stage illnesses-among other forms of charity. (They are known for building wheelchair ramps throughout NYS.)

Michael R. Davidson Foundation – info@michaeldavidsonfoundation.org

Commitment to community with focus specifically on the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of first responder and military families and their children.

Billy Moon Foundation – info@billymoonfoundation.org

Advocate, raise awareness, and increase organ donation across the country. The heart of the foundation is to provide support through representation of the first responder communities, fundraising, and partnership with Organ Donor Organizations. We also strive to be a lifeline for our local communities and families in need.

First Responders Children's Foundation – 646-822-4236

Provides financial support to children who have lost a parent in the line of duty as well as families enduring significant hardship due to tragic circumstances. They offer numerous programs including scholarships and counseling services for children (25 and younger) of first responders, active and retired. Contact for counseling is done through their website, www.1strcf.org/get-mental-health-support.

Ray Pfeifer Foundation – 516-882-2870 - info@theraypfeiferfoundation.org

Provide assistance to 9/11 first responders with medical equipment and needs not covered by insurance.

UFA Widow and Children's Fund – 212-683-4832

Provides financial assistance and ongoing support to the surviving spouses and children of UFA and UFOA members who have died in the line of duty.

Thomas Elsasser Fund – 212-683-4832

UFA and UFOA members who died Non-Line of Duty as active members of the FDNY. Provide families with assistance with medical costs, housing and repairs, and school tuitions, etc.

Silver Shield Foundation - 212-832-1100

Children and surviving spouses of firefighters/ fire officers and EMS personnel who die in the line of duty are eligible to apply for this award. This is for LODD only (no post 9/11 WTC deaths).

Answer the Call - 646-731-9630

Support the families of firefighters and EMS personnel who have been killed in the line of duty. Provide immediate financial support to families but also provide assistance (financial as well as host special gatherings and other events) for the rest of the widow or widower's life.

Friends of Firefighters – 718-643-0980

Provides independent, confidential, and free mental health counseling and wellness services to active and retired FDNY firefighters and their family members.

Tunnel to Towers (T2T) – 718-987-1931

Provide mortgage-free homes to fallen first responder families with young children and build specially-adapted *smart homes* for catastrophically injured first responders.

New York Firefighters Burn Center Foundation – 718-379-1900

Dedicated to the advancement of burn care, research, prevention, education, and the proper treatment of burns. The goal is to make quality burn care available to all who are seriously burned, regardless of age, race, creed or economic status.

National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) –301-447-1365

Offers a wide range of mission-driven activities in support of Fire Hero families, fire departments, and the fire service overall. These include scholarships, Memorial Weekend, family support programs for those that died of a presumptive illness or in the line-of-duty. They also offer fire service training to various fire departments throughout the country.

Planning for the future

Do you have a Will/Trust?

If yes, who has the original (lawyer's name and contact information)?

Did you leave funeral instructions?

If yes, where can they be found?

A lawyer can advise you and set up the following items:

Will/Trust

Power of Attorney

Health Care Proxy

No matter what is written in your will (trusts are not included), if you list a beneficiary on your bank accounts/401Ks/life insurance policies, etc. the money does not go through probate and can be accessed quickly by the beneficiary. As the beneficiary of an account, they have no access to information or what is in the account as long as you're alive. You also have the ability to change the beneficiary at any time.

You can name multiple beneficiaries on your accounts; it is done with percentages; the total must equal 100%.

If you have a safety deposit box, upon your death the box is locked. It doesn't matter if you own it with a second person.

List of items to discuss and decide

Burial or cremation?

If burial-where (which cemetery)? Do you already own a plot? In ground or above?

If cremation-bury urn? where?

If you are being buried-do you want a headstone?

Flat or standing?

What do you want it to say?

Funeral home-which one?

If burial-what type of casket-wood; metal? How much to spend \$?

What do you want inside casket-rosary beads? Cross?

Do you want a wake? If yes-how many days?

Funeral Mass or Service?

Do you want a religious Mass? If yes, where?

Do you want specific readings or songs?

If burial, what do you want to be wearing-clothes? Jewelry?

Do you want to be buried with anything-jewelry? rosary beads?

Do you want an obit in newspaper?

Do you want specific people notified?

How/Who is paying?

Will you prepay with directions?

Do you have an insurance policy to cover cost?

While this may sound morbid, it makes things easier for your loved ones after you die.

The cost of a funeral in NY is anywhere from \$8K to \$20K without cemetery.

Does your family know where all your important documents are:

Life insurance policies?

Pension information?

Social security number/Driver's license?

Banking records?

Passwords for banking, utilities, direct payment, etc.?

Now that you've discussed and answered the questions regarding your funeral and final wishes as well as having a Will/Trust drawn up, below is the information needed for the funeral director (for your death certificate)

The person who will handle your affairs (beginning with funeral home) needs certain information:

When meeting with the funeral director, they will need your information:

Full name

Address

DOB

SS #

Place of birth (City & State)

Occupation (even if retired)

Mother's maiden name/Father's name

Marital status (if married, spouse's name)

If served in armed forces (if yes, a copy of your DD-214)

Highest education level

They should ask for at least 10 original death certificates. Additional copies are available through the funeral home (up to 6 months). The cost is approximately \$15/ea.

An original copy of the death certificate will be needed for each of the following (some will return after copying, others will want to keep original on file):

- Register of Wills
- Pension & Retirement
- Life Insurance
- Health Insurance
- Credit Cards
- Personal Loans
- Home Mortgage
- Bank Accounts
- Safe Deposit
- Financial Investments
- Department of Motor Vehicles
- Real Estate Deeds
- State Revenue Department
- Internal Revenue Service

FDNY to be notified:

FDOC: 718-999-7900/ FDOC EMS: 718-999-7911

The person calling will need the following info:

Your First, Middle Initial and Last Name

Date Retired

Years of Service

Badge Number

Rank

Last Unit Worked

Date Appointed

Date of Birth

Date of Death

Home Address

Family Contact Name and Phone Number

Information about the Services Scheduled:

Religion

Funeral Home Name and Address

Dates and Times of Viewing

Name and Location of Funeral Service

Date and Time of Service

Interment Location

They can request a Funeral Detail if outside the 5 boroughs

The FDOC notification is distributed to FDNY personnel, unions and pension. If they want to contact each individually they can.

The FDNY only provides a uniform and helmet to WTC (retired Post 9/11) related deaths.