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## **FOP APPLAUDS SENATE PASSAGE OF 9/11 PERMANENT REAUTHORIZATION LEGISLATION**

Chuck Canterbury, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, welcomed the news that the Senate has passed by a 97-2 vote, H.R. 1327, the “Never Forget the Heroes: Permanent Authorization of the September 11<sup>th</sup> Victim Compensation Fund Act,” following the defeat of two amendments offered by Senators Michael S. Lee (R-UT) and Rand H. Paul (R-KY). Last week, these Senators blocked the consideration of the bill.

“We must never forget those who suffered at Ground Zero. Law enforcement and firefighter heroes raced to the scene and for days sifted through the remains of the fallen buildings, inhaling the toxins and chemicals, which ultimately took their lives,” Canterbury said. “This legislation will end years of waiting and uncertainty—ensuring that those who were sickened by their response will be taken care of.”

The legislation is now on its way to the President who is expected to sign the legislation reauthorizing the Victim Compensation Fund (VCF) through 2090.

The Fraternal Order of Police is the largest law enforcement labor organization in the United States, with more than 348,000 members.