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**Chairman Shays to Hold September 8 Field Hearing in New York City  
on 9/11 Health of Responders and Residents**

(Washington, DC) -- Congressman Christopher Shays (R-CT), Chairman of the Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats, and International Relations today announced the Subcommittee will convene an oversight hearing of federally funded programs that register, screen, monitor and treat individuals who were in the vicinity of the World Trade Center (WTC) following the September 11 terrorist attacks.

The hearing, entitled *Progress Since 9/11: Protecting Public Health and Safety of the Responders and Residents*, will take place on Friday, September 8, 2006, at 10:30 a.m. in the auditorium of District Council 37, 125 Barclay Street (Barclay Street and West Side Highway), 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, New York, New York 10007

"Five years after the cataclysmic attacks on the World Trade Center, shock waves still emanate from Ground Zero. Diverse and delayed health problems continue to emerge in those exposed to the contaminants and psychological stressors unleashed on September 11, 2001. An effective response to that attack, and future terrorist assaults, requires a coordinated, sustained program to monitor, diagnose, research and treat those wounds. The purpose of the hearing is to evaluate what progress has been made to identify, monitor and provide treatment to those in the vicinity of the World Trade Center following the September 11 terrorist attacks," Shays said.

Invited witnesses include Dr. John Howard, from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), the Government Accountability Office, New York City officials, the Medical Co-Director of the Mount Sinai Selikoff Center for Occupational and Environmental Medicine, and Ground Zero responders and residents.

## **Witness List**

### **Panel I**

**Ms. Cynthia Bascetta**  
Director, Health Care  
Government Accountability Office

**Mr. Joseph Zadroga**  
Little Egg Harbor Township, NJ

**Mr. Steven Centore**  
Flanders, New York

**Ms. Lea Geonimo**  
New York, New York

**Mr. Lawrence Provost**  
Virginia Beach, VA

### **Panel II**

**John Howard, M.D., M.P.H., J.D.**  
Director, National Institute for Occupational Health  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
Department of Health and Human Services

**Dr. Robin Herbert**  
Co-Director of the World Trade Center Worker  
and Volunteer Medical Screening Program  
Mt. Sinai Hospital

**Commissioner Thomas R. Frieden, M.D., M.P.H.,**  
Commissioner  
New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

**Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta**  
Commissioner  
Fire Department of New York

**Dr. Joan Reibman**  
Associate Professor of Medicine  
NYU Medical Center  
Director, Bellevue Hospital World Trade Center Health Impacts Clinic

