FIRST RESPONDERS







Gillibrand

Thursday, July 24, 2025 Washington, DC

All sessions in CVC Auditorium unless other location listed.

DRAFT AGENDA

8:30 – 9:15am	Registration & Breakfast	
9:15 – 9:20am	Welcome	
9:20 – 9:30am	Opening Remarks – Senator Kirsten Gillibrand	
9:30 – 9:40am	Remarks – House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries	
9:40 – 10:30am	Officer and Family Wellness • Panelists • Tommy Shevlin, President, Nassau PBA • Jim Banish, President, NYLEAP • TBD, IAFF	
10:30 – 11:05am	Update on 9/11 Health Program and Funding Remarks – Congressman Andrew Garbarino • Panelists • Dr. David Prezant, Chief Medical Officer/Special Advisor on Health Policy, First Department of New York and Director, FDNY World Trade Center Health Program • Dr. Michael Crane, World Trade Center Health Program, Clinical Center of Excellence at Mount Sinai	
11:05 – 11:15am	Break	
11:15am – 12pm	Community Partnerships • Panelists • Jennifer Lackard, Deputy Commissioner of Wellness and Reform, Mount Vernon Police Department	

o Yehiel M. Kalish, CEO, Chevra Hatzalah

- Dr. Jean Kanokogi, PhD, Director of Mental Health & Peer Support Services, Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association
- Jonathan Smith, Paramedic/Chief/CEO, Pittsford Volunteer Ambulance

12 – 12:15pm	Remarks – Senate Democratic Leader Charles E. Schumer
12:15 – 12:30pm	Break/Travel Time
12:30 – 1:30pm	Lunch with New York Delegation Location: Kennedy Caucus (325 Russell)
1:30 – 1:50pm	Break/Travel Time
1:50 – 2:50pm	Grants Workshops

For Police

- Panelists
 - o TBD, New York Division of Criminal Justice Services
 - o TBD, NYPD
 - o Abi Jimenez, Grants Director, Office of Sen. Gillibrand

For Firefighters & EMTs

- Panelists
 - o Jamie Burgess, IAFF
 - o Jonathan Smith, Paramedic/Chief/CEO, Pittsford Volunteer Ambulance
 - Chris Blanco, Chief Financial Officer, NYC Office of Emergency Management
 - Ryan Kambich, Senior Legislative Assistant, Office of Sen. Gillibrand

2:50 - 3pm	Travel Time
3 - 3:30pm	Q&A with Senator Gillibrand
3:30 – 3:45pm	Optional: Photos with Senator Gillibrand
3:45 – 4:45pm	Optional: Gillibrand Staff Office Hours Optional: Tour of U.S. Capitol