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Good morning,

The following updates were recently made to the VCF website:

- [July 2025 Monthly Report](#) posted.
- [FAQ 4.4](#) updated hearings decisions date to state that “The Special Master is currently rendering decisions for hearings held in February 2025.”
- [Policies & Procedures Section 1.9](#): Updated to add proof of presence instructions for employees of the US Secret Service. For ease of reference, the information is provided below.

United States Secret Service

If you were employed by the United States Secret Service and worked in the NYC Exposure Zone during the period beginning on September 11, 2001, through May 30, 2002, you should contact Stephen Alvernaz at stephen.alvernaz@uss.dhs.gov and request a “VCF Verification” letter detailing your specific work locations between September 11, 2001, and May 30, 2002. Ask Mr. Alvernaz to send the letter directly to the VCF at VCF.Thirdpartyverification@usdoj.gov. If the United States Secret Service confirms they are sending a letter on your behalf, you do not need to submit any additional proof of presence with your claim. You should also notify the VCF once you have requested the letter, so we know to expect to receive it in support of your claim. You can notify us by uploading a note to your claim, or by calling our VCF Helpline at 1-855-885-1555. We will review everything in your claim and will contact you if we need any additional information.

The following law firm emails were posted to [Information for Law Firms](#):

- Email – [New Presence Information for New York City Department of Corrections](#) – July 16, 2025
- Email – Policy Update – [Non-Economic Loss for Prostate Cancer](#) - July 28, 2025

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