John Channell, Fire Fighter (Retired)
New York Uniformed Firefighters Association, Local 94

John Channell served for 22 years as a fire fighter and a member of New York Uniformed Firefighters Association, Local 94, working at Ladder 8 on N. Moore Street in Tribeca, New York. Channell was on duty on September 11, 2001, and was involved in the response to the terror attack on the World Trade Center. In the following weeks after 9/11, Channell assisted in the rescue and recovery effort at Ground Zero.

In 2015, Channell was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's follicular lymphoma. In 2016, he retired from the FDNY after 22 years and continued receiving treatment for the disease.

Channell’s doctors determined that his cancer was related to toxic exposures at Ground Zero. His cancer, though incurable, is considered chronic and he continues to receive immunotherapy treatment and see an oncologist every six months.

Channell, 56, is married with three children, one of whom is a fire fighter for the FDNY.