

BILL PARKIN'S Injured Worker Horror Story



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About Me: My name is Bill Parkin.

My Family: I am 40 years old and I live in Galt, near Sacramento.

My Job and What Happened: I worked as a California Highway Patrol (CHP) Officer for 10 years. I loved my job, and always assumed that the State of California would back me up if I were injured on the job. In July 2006, a 115 degree summer day, I made many roadside assists for stranded motorists, multiple traffic stops, responded to traffic collisions and cleared debris from the highway. I was in and out of the car all shift. I woke up the next day and could barely walk. My knee was injured from the accumulated work.

What this has meant to my life: Before my work injury, I was healthy and employed in an important job that I loved. Once I was injured, I was treated not as an officer injured in the course of my work, but as a possible fraud. I have had to fight for needed medical care. My surgery was delayed for 8 months. During the delay, my knee got worse, and I spent a great deal of that time in pain. I’ve had multiple surgeries involving both knees, and I wonder whether I will be able to return to my CHP Officer job.

How the Governor's Workers' Comp Law Affects Me

How Workers' Comp was supposed to help me: I thought I would be taken care of after my work injury. Boy was I wrong. I put my personal health and safety at risk to protect the people of California. Where is the protection that workers comp insurance promised me?

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