

Tuesday, May 15 presented a day full of change. Having my patrol vehicle struck head-on by another motorist began a new chapter that has been filled with more positive than negative. Time has flown by with everything that has taken place – surgeries, family-life, & back to work. I have made significant progress in the past four months but I still have a long ways to go. I have had a few surgeries including my most recent on September 13 when a plate in my left foot was removed. Everything went smooth, the bones are healing well, and now comes the physical therapy to get my foot back in shape. It'll take time, but I'm excited to see what progress lies ahead!

Family-life was an adjustment in the beginning, but we have adjusted to our circumstance. I may not be able to run with my kids just yet, but there is so much I am still able to do with them. I'm very thankful my life was spared so I could continue to be a husband and parent. So much credit goes to my wife for having to operate in overdrive for a while. She's an amazing woman to say the least and I cannot thank her enough for her love and support!

Thank you, thank you, thank you! We [Crissy & I] cannot say it enough. Your generosity & support throughout this journey has been overwhelming and to the extent that we feel indebted to everyone. We will be forever grateful for what you have done! The sense of community has been strong throughout this process, so again, thank you!

The question still remains, when will I return to full-duty status again? I don't know. I returned in a light-duty capacity in August, but as you can imagine, full-duty will depend on the remaining healing process and physical therapy sessions ahead. With time, knowing my limitations will begin to emerge, but for now I am taking this week-by-week, thankful for the progress I have made, and thankful for the love and support from so many people.

Thanks again, and remember, what you do matters.

Mike