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Critically Injured Officer Returns to Full Duty

GRAPEVINE, Texas - Grapevine Police Senior Officer RJ Hudson is returning to full duty for the first time since being critically injured in the line of duty more than two years ago.

Monday, November 4, 2019 is Senior Officer Hudson's first full day back on his own in the Traffic Unit. Since the accident that nearly claimed his life, Ofc. Hudson has undergone 11 surgeries and hundreds of hours of intensive rehabilitation therapy.

On October 19, 2017, Senior Officer Hudson was traveling south on SH-121 near Hall-Johnson Road when an SUV swerved into his lane and hit his motorcycle. Sr. Ofc. Hudson was transported to Baylor Scott & White Medical Center-Grapevine with dozens of broken bones, lacerations, and internal injuries. He was released from the hospital on November 22, 2017, where he continued his recovery at home. Hudson ultimately returned to work on light duty, but still faced several obstacles and setbacks in his recovery, including the need for additional surgeries and therapies.

On September 17, 2019, Officer Hudson was released from medical care and allowed to return to work in full uniform. He then spent the next several weeks re-acclimating and re-certifying in all aspects of his job duties as a motorcycle officer.

Throughout his journey, Hudson remained positive and focused on his recovery. The Grapevine Police Department recognizes the sacrifices, dedication, and determination by not only Senior Officer RJ Hudson, but his entire family for their unwavering support and positive attitude. Congratulations to Senior Officer Hudson, and thank you to everyone who assisted in his recovery along the way.

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