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TAMMY BARRETT



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## RECOVERY FUND



Austin Police Officer Tammy Barrett was seriously injured in an ATV accident while vacationing in New Mexico on Saturday, August 4, 2018. Tammy went over the edge of a cliff dropping some 45 feet and was pinned under the ATV for several hours before first responders could free her. Tammy was transported by ambulance to University Medical Center in El Paso, TX where her family and friends have come together to support her. On Monday, August 6th, Tammy underwent a 14 hour surgery on her crushed spine and is recovering from that long procedure.

Her prognosis at this time is that she will not walk again. But her family is clinging to the one good news her doctors have given them, they found fibers in her spine so they are offering the hope that if she works hard and trains those fibers she may be able to stand and maybe have some feeling and movement. For now the doctors are telling the family that they may not know the full capability of her recovery and it may take 10 years before they do.

For those who don't know Tammy here's a quick rundown of her service to our country, communities Tammy has lived in and to her family. Tammy's dad is a retired United States Air Force veteran which explains why she was born in England! She followed her father's path by enlisting in the United States Army in 1992 and left in 2002 to pursue a career in law enforcement with the Hinesville Georgia Police Department. She was later accepted in the Georgia State Trooper academy which was a lifelong goal of hers. Tragically her older brother passed away in an automobile accident in 2006 which brought her back to the Austin area to care for her parents Bill and Myrlene Barrett. She joined the Austin Police Department in 2008 where she has worked Frank 100s before transferring to APD's Training Academy. She is currently assigned to APD's Commercial Vehicle Enforcement unit. Tammy's daughter Melissa was born in 1998 and Tammy always took pride in her accomplishments and always made sure she was given the best opportunities in life. Melissa is currently living in Orlando, Florida attending Valencia College pursuing a degree in Child Development and Education but will not be returning in the fall so she can assist with her Mom's recovery.

Please continue to lift Tammy and her family in prayer. This will be a long road to recovery, but Tammy is a strong lady and she has the support of her loving APD family and the Austin Community of which she has served proudly for the past 10 years.

Austin Cops for Charities has started fundraising efforts for Tammy. The funds will be badly needed in her recovery efforts.