

Deputy Jeff Goss, Lost but not Forgotten

On May 1, 1998, the life of Ionia County Deputy Sheriff Jeffrey Goss and his family was changed forever. Deputy Goss with back up was serving an arrest warrant on an individual who fled their attempts. When the pursuit ended, the suspect who was armed with an AK-47 Rifle fired on both patrol vehicles.

During the exchange of gun fire, Deputy Goss was shot in the right side of his head causing significant traumatic brain injury. Deputy Goss was transported to Grand Rapids for medical treatment and following several surgeries he remained in a coma for several months requiring long term care and hospitalization.

Following release from the hospital and still rehabilitating from his traumatic brain injury, Deputy Goss was requested to return to work in a light duty position just short of a year from the shooting. Still suffering with a diagnosis of Traumatic Brain Injury and not allowed sufficient time for the 'fullest' extent of his brain to recover from its injury, he complied.

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