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Firefighter Weber Support

Brothers and Sisters of the Fire Service, Members of Law Enforcement, Emergency Services, Other Public Service Organizations, and all reading this,

Fire Fighter Zack Weber, an Ithaca Professional Firefighter, Badge #241 and member of IAFF Local 737, suffered a life altering injury while hunting on his property Wednesday November 9th, 2022. FF Weber fell out of his tree stand while climbing down for the night falling approximately 20 feet. He landed hard and broke two cervical vertebrae leaving him with no sensation or muscular control below his chest. FF Weber was found over an hour later by his concerned partner, Lauren, who is an ER nurse at the local hospital, and she immediately began providing care and called 911.

FF Weber was extricated by Trumansburg Fire and EMS and flown to Upstate Medical University in Syracuse NY. He immediately underwent a grueling 8-hour surgery to repair his injury. FF Weber is slated to undergo another surgery to reinforce the initial surgery in a couple of days and potentially more in the future. Currently, FF Weber has an unknown but very long road to recovery ahead of him.

FF Weber has very good resolve, is in good spirits, and is far too stubborn to let this injury dictate his life. He is committed and driven to have the best possible outcome and be able to return to work. His family and friends are asking for support to make his road to recovery and the treatment he receives the best possible. With support from you all, the goal is to get him into the best rehabilitation center for neurological injuries.

Prior to serving as a Firefighter with the City of Ithaca, FF Weber served his community with the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office, both in the Road and Corrections divisions. Anyone who knows Zack will tell you that he would be the first to give the shirt off his back if you needed it and would never expect anything in return.

His family and friends are asking for help raising funds to offset expenses for his medical care, rehabilitative care, and with his family's travel expenses to make sure he often has a loved one present to provide the critical support network during his long recovery.

If your organization does not feel it can make a formal donation at this time, but you would like to still show individual support please see FF Weber's SpotFund page at the below link or QR code. Checks can be made out directly to Zack Weber and returned to Local 737 for disbursement.

SpotFund Page: <http://spot.fund/bSxvsZsc>.



Written out of love and in support of,

His friends and fellow Local 737 members