

INQUIRY INTO EMERGENCY SERVICES AGENCIES

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I was a paramedic in the NSW Ambulance Service between 198 and 20

Early in my career a superintendent who had a dislike for me would let others watch TV but I had to go and blackened tyres , whilst in hospital recovering from spinal injury he came to see me only to find out when I was coming back to work , on another occasion I was chastised because the vehicle I was assigned to got covered in dust from horse the stables opposite , this was something out of my control as I couldn't prevent it if I was not there , he was less impressed when I covered the vehicle with disposable sheets after my next shift , lucky for me another superintendent stepped in .

I have missed out on lateral transfers to other stations once by an officer with 16months service when I was a qualified paramedic with 6 years service. When I was doing my paramedic course , my wife was expecting our first child , I requested a training hospital close to home , we lived in hospital was a hospital that trained paramedics I was sent to hospital, whilst everybody seem to get a posting close to their homes , I was sent to .

Denied further training, have had a grievance letter addressed to the the State superintendent at the time , this letter was sent through the proper chain of commands and was blocked in route , was quietly told to not do that again .

That letter was in concern to the excessive workload , unsafe single officer operations ,lack of adequate training or access to training , lack of debriefs and inappropriate practices regarding the treatment of certain officers .

Despite the horrific events that I have witnessed in my career, I was one of 4 officers that attended to , some as a single officer I could count on one hand the number of times I have been debriefed.

There was no regards to necessary rest , I was recalled to duty even when on days off . In 20 I was diagnosed with Acute Post Traumatic Stress disorder , I can honestly say that I was given very little support, I was reviewed by specialists who did not know me so how could they compare or access , one of them lied on his report about the content of the meeting.

I made the decision to resign at a time where my life was falling apart thinking it would take away my problems, it doesn't. Any further attempts to get compensation has been met with "statute of limitation" I wish APTSD had a time limit .

I have survived on a partial disability pension , I have been to hell and back with only my wife ,sons and a couple of friends to support me , I have been suicidal , depended on alcohol , drugs and gambling to this date the people I so highly represented for 21 years have never called to inquire about my well being .

years since my career came to an abrupt halt , I am partially slowly reintegrating into the normal world , this mainly thanks to my wonderful wife .