

Front Line Support Workers

RIGHT SIDE OF THE LAW

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The unsung heroes are often the most overlooked. We were reminded of this during the tragedy of 9/11. After that harrowing time, we were reminded of all the people in our world whose job is simply to help their fellow man.

After several weeks of horrific car crashes and devastating falls, I realized something quite obvious: I am a third- or fourth-line responder. I help take care of the critically injured after the accident and often for years, but it is those primary responders who are required to act without delay, to be calm and collected in the face of chaos.

The car accidents last week provide good examples of how efficient our first-line responders are. While road closures are extremely annoying, remember roads are not closed for minor accidents. Victims of these horrific collisions are often airlifted to neighbouring hospitals where the medical team on the ground fights to

save a life or a limb.

Being on the scene of a horrific car accident takes a toll. My point? Simple -- do not take for granted the men and women who work around the clock to help us when we are at our lowest. This includes, but is not limited to fire, police, EMS, nurses and doctors.

Do not scream, yell or curse when you are inconvenienced by emergency vehicles. Pull over to the side of the road to let them by. Your meeting can wait five minutes, their heroic efforts cannot.

Let's hope all of those people who were hurt on our highways in the past two weeks come out of this living to tell the tale. For the rest of us, stay safe and drive cautiously. ■

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