

Trauma Survivors Network Peer Visitor

Expertise in Traumatic Amputation-Patient Perspective

JASON



Jason: On March 1, 2008, Jason was riding his ATV through his family farm in Owensboro, KY with his 3 friends sitting on the backseat. Jason ran into a sagging live power line that blended with the sky and field background and 7200 volts immediately went throughout his body exiting his ankle. Jason absorbed the electrocution leaving his friends sharing the backseat unharmed. Completely alert, Jason was taken to a local hospital. Given his injuries were so severe, he had to be transported via LifeFlight 2 hours away to the Vanderbilt Trauma Burn unit. After spending 3 days in a coma, Jason learned upon waking that in order to save his life from the toxins produced by the electricity, both of his arms would be amputated below the elbow; the left arm seven inches below the joint and the right arm six inches below. Jason spent 12 days in the Burn unit and then went home. Jason had to relearn daily living of eating, dressing, using a phone and driving with prosthetic hooks for his new hands. Jason is thriving with his recovery and his goal is to share his story to help others. He is involved with the Arms Within Reach Foundation which provides resources for upper extremity amputee loss and he is a Peer Visitor with the Trauma Survivors Network encouraging and providing resources at the bedside to new amputee patients. Jason is an avid hunter able to use guns, bow and arrow, guest starred as a double on Hawaii 5-0's "Hookman" episode, featured in an interview with CNN's Dr. Sanjay Gupta and is a family man with a wife and three young kids. Jason is thriving!

Jason's Websites:

<http://www.jasonkoger.com/>

http://www.armswithinreach.org/amputee_information/jason_koger.html

Jason's Videos

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vF7aqvtVhj4>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OU51UYJnDc>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X2DGfF9AaYQ>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t3tU1vESIDE>

Jason in the News

http://www.mc.vanderbilt.edu/houseorgan/archive/HO_8_10/jk1.htm

<http://wbkr.com/the-jason-koger-look-ma-no-hands-t-shirt-challenge/>

<http://www.14news.com/global/story.asp?S=8232156>

<http://www.newschannel5.com/story/20959890/local-amputee-takes-star-turn-on-hawaii-five-0>

<http://wbkr.com/owensboros-jason-koger-to-guest-star-on-hawaii-5-0-video/>

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