

Brothers and Sisters,

I have come upon some **VALUABLE** information about Workers' Comp and Retirement. This information **ONLY** applies to a regular retirement.

Unfortunately some of us have suffered work related injuries in our years of protecting the public and each other. But it should be advised that your case is never closed unless you want it to be. Also, in the State's present financial condition there has been no 'Full and Final Settlements' offered to injured employees for a long time. Therefore upon retiring, if you have suffered an "Inmate Related Injury" (100%) and you have a Relapse/Reoccurrence; if you are deemed incapacitated (totally disabled) and are on this status until you are put to Light Duty or Full Release; **your retirement benefits are suspended.** *This does not mean that you do not get a retirement.* It only says that due to your status on your 100% claim (this falls under State Statue Sec 5-142): you are not entitled to both pays. If you fall under this status and are retired and may become 100% incapacitated **YOU MUST REPORT THIS ASAP** to the Retirement Division.

If the above is not reported; than you fall under CT State Statue Sec 5-170 (Effect of worker's compensation and disability payments). This is saying that you have to *repay* all the monies that were given during the time period of incapacitation. There is a waiver, Sec 5-156c (Erroneous payments; adjustment; waiver of repayment; regulations). These waivers are approved by the retirement board themselves. If you use it, **YOU WILL HAVE A BATTLE** so be prepared. But here is the kicker. If you have a 75% claim you are entitled to both, your retirement and workers comp check. Disability Retirement information falls under Sec 5-169. Any information can be gotten in this section. Be forewarned, there is nothing telling you in this section or anywhere else in writing about the above filing information. It has been provided to you by your Local 391 informational support team today as we are now and always have been interested in making sure you, our members, get the information you need to help yourself.

If you have any questions on this information please feel free to call me Jim Zuccalo at (860) 305-9772. As your Workers' Comp Representative, I will do my best to answer your concerns. Also please refer to CGS Sections 5-142, 5-170, 5-156c and 5-169 for more information. Links for each of these have been provided below for your use.