



## **Fresno Hit and Run Accident Injures CHP Officer**

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An off duty California Highway Patrol officer suffered serious [personal injuries](#) when his motorcycle struck by a hit by a car in Northwest Fresno. Witnesses saw a silver Toyota Tundra driving erratically on east bound Herndon Avenue before it veered into the motorcycle and forced it off the roadway and into a curb. Police are looking for the driver of the Toyota, who fled the scene. The officer sustained a serious leg injury and was flown to a Bay Area Hospital to undergo surgery.

This [Fresno injury collision](#) remains under investigation, but it appears the driver of the Toyota bears complete responsibility for this collision. Some of the worst drivers are also the most irresponsible drivers. California law makes it a misdemeanor to leave the scene of a collision without stopping unless someone suffers serious bodily injury, in which case it becomes a felony. Despite these potential penalties, California Highway Patrol statistics indicate that 22,091 victims were injured in 2008 by irresponsible drivers who caused hit and run collisions.

### **Hit & Run Accidents, California Injury Law**

Besides driving defensively, the best way to protect yourself against hit and run drivers is to have adequate uninsured motorist coverage in your own policy. If you are injured by someone driving a hit and run vehicle or an uninsured vehicle, the uninsured motorist coverage in your policy will pay for medical expenses, lost income and pain and suffering to the extent of the other driver's liability. In the above scenario, the hit and run driver was legally liable for all of the damages sustained by the CHP officer but if the driver of the Toyota is not found, he may

have to make a claim under the uninsured motorist coverage of his own motorcycle insurance policy.

## Fresno Personal Injury Attorneys

If you or a loved one is injured or dies in a hit and run accident, you should consult with an experienced [Fresno Personal Injury Attorney](#). In hit and run cases, law enforcement does not always have the time or resources to investigate and track down a hit and run driver. A knowledgeable Sacramento Personal Injury Lawyer can investigate and hold a hit and run driver responsible for his or her actions. A good [California Auto Accident Attorney](#) will advise you of all your rights with regard to a civil claim for damages and recovery under all available insurance policies.

## Hiring a Fresno Injury Lawyer

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