



Kristina is a Southern California native and graduate of California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks, CA. In 1996 she joined the Los Angeles Police Department and worked in South Central Los Angeles as a patrol officer and gang unit officer. On the night of 3 June 2006, while on patrol, Kristina was shot three times at point-blank range while in foot pursuit of a career criminal who had just committed a store robbery. One of the bullets that hit Kristina ripped through her left lung and lodged in her spine leaving her paralyzed from the chest down.

Kristina Rippatti, Police Officer

Kristina is now retired from the police department after 11 years of faithful service. She and her husband of 6 years, Tim Pearce, have two children Jordan 4 years and Lucas 1 year.

Kristina now competes in marathons and has completed both the Los Angeles and Boston marathons twice. In 2009 Kristina received a new racing chair from the Challenged Athletes Foundation to support her marathon efforts.

Your generosity and support gives Kristina the opportunity to continue marathon racing and heal through an active lifestyle.

How Does Operation Rebound Help?

Operation Rebound provides unparalleled sports opportunities and support to our troops and veterans of any branch of service and first responders who have served honorably and have suffered permanent physical injuries. Grants are awarded for event travel, lodging, entry fees, training and equipment not provided by the VA or DoD.

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