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SAFETY MESSAGE 19-06

Army Motor Vehicle Safety – Cont'd

Needless fatalities continue to occur during training events!

PLR 19-025 AMV Mishap Claims One Soldier's Life

A Specialist assigned to Operation Atlantic Resolve died in an Army motor vehicle mishap 13 January 2019 at the Grafenwohr Training Area, Germany, during wash rack operations. The Soldier was standing to the rear side of a Light Equipment Transporter trailer when the vehicle began to reposition. The Soldier was pinned beneath the trailer axle and sustained fatal injuries as a result. The USACRC is leading a safety investigation into the mishap.

PLR 19-027 AMV Mishap Claims One Soldier's Life

A Private First Class assigned to 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas, died in an Army motor vehicle mishap 14 January 2019 at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California, at 1900 local. The Soldier was operating a Bradley Fighting Vehicle during a movement with limited visibility when he drove off the side of a 17-foot wadi and came to rest inverted.

A couple of messages ago, two Preliminary Loss Reports (PLR's) were highlighted that focused on training fatalities. Soldiers continue to die during training events. We can never take for granted that our young Soldiers have the experience necessary to prevent a serious accident from occurring. Both of these incidents happened during the execution of commonplace activities; wash rack operations and AMV operations.

As leaders, we need to take a step back and reassess the precautions being taken to prevent AMV accidents. Are we executing driver's training programs that take into account the skill levels of our operators? Are we properly evaluating operators to determine that they are capable of operating AMV's safely on their own? Is PMCS a focal point in our operations? Making sure that our equipment is safe to operate is critical. Are we continuing to evaluate operators after they have been licensed to make sure they are adhering to the standards? Are we conducting convoy safety briefs prior to heading out on missions? Do we conduct Risk Management worksheets for seemingly "safe" tasks such as washing our equipment?

The link below will take you to the most recent NYARNG AMV Operations letter:

http://dmna.ny.gov/safety/memos/Army_Motor_Vehicle_Operations.pdf

The following links contain more information useful for promoting safe driving habits:

<https://safety.army.mil/MEDIA/Risk-Management-Magazine/ArtMID/7428/ArticleID/6149/Train-for-the-Weather>

<https://safety.army.mil/ON-DUTY/Drivers-Training-Toolbox>



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