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## **SAFETY MESSAGE 19-03**

### **Army Motor Vehicle Safety**

#### **PLR 19-009      AMV Mishap Claims One Soldier's Life**

A 21-year-old Specialist assigned to U.S. Army Special Operations Command died in an Army motor vehicle mishap 6 November 2018 on Fort Irwin, California, at 1345 local. The Soldier was a passenger in an M1151A1 HMMWV when the driver lost control on an improved gravel road. The HMMWV left the roadway and overturned.

#### **PLR 19-010      AMV Mishap Claims One Soldier's Life**

A 21-year-old Private First Class assigned to 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas, died in an Army motor vehicle mishap 8 November 2018 on the installation at 1615 local. The Soldier was a passenger in an M1152 HMMWV when the vehicle exited the roadway, overturned and came to rest in the upright position. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

These recent fatalities should remind us all that we can never take for granted that our young Soldiers have the experience necessary to prevent a serious driving accident from occurring. Both of these incidents happened during daylight hours, operating AMV's that are commonplace in the NYARNG. Both fatalities were the passengers in the AMV.

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?

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](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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