

# MATV MISHAP CLAIMS ONE SOLDIER'S LIFE

A 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division, Fort Bliss, Texas, Army Officer was killed in an MRAP/MATV mishap that occurred on 31 March 2015 at approximately 0445 local on Fort Bliss. The moving MATV struck the cot on which the 27-year-old Captain was sleeping and he was pronounced deceased at the scene. A Centralized Accident Investigation (CAI) team from the US Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center is investigating.

Leader Engagement Tips:

- In a nine month period five Soldiers have been seriously injured, three fatally, when an Army vehicle ran over them. All three fatally injured Soldiers were sleeping in tactical assembly areas at the time of the accident.
- While preparing for tactical training, leaders at all levels should consider:
  - Have I ensured my Soldiers understand the necessity of sleeping only in designated sleeping areas that are properly marked?
  - Have I trained my Soldiers to make sure they ground guide vehicles when operating around sleeping or dismounted troops at night?

This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Class A **ACV** fatality in FY15 compared to **0** for the same time frame in FY14. This PLR does not identify specific root causes of this incident as the investigation is ongoing. Further details will be available at a later date on RMIS (RMIS Login Required).

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