

PMV-2 CRASH CLAIMS ONE SOLDIER'S LIFE

A 1st Special Warfare Group, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Soldier died from injuries sustained in a private motor vehicle (PMV-2) crash that occurred on 22 August 2014, at approximately 0500 local, in Raeford, NC. The 26-year-old SGT was operating his motorcycle when he collided head on with an approaching vehicle at an intersection. Soldier was pronounced dead at the scene. It was reported that the Soldier had the right of way. He was trained and wearing full PPE. [News Article](#)

Leader Engagement Tips

As this Preliminary Loss Report demonstrates it only takes a few seconds to lose a life riding even when you're NOT at fault. Learning and adapting defensive driving techniques can reduce the risk of a crash. Knowing when collisions involving motorcycles are most likely to occur can help you drive safely in dangerous situations. Here are some facts:

Left Turns – Nationally, the most common crash between cars and motorcycles is at an intersection when the automobile driver is making a left turn in front of a motorcycle. In 2008, there were 2,554 two-vehicle fatal crashes involving a motorcycle and another type of vehicle. Riders should slow as they approach a intersection to be defensive.

Blind Spots – Motorcycles riding alongside a lane of cars are often out of view of the driver. An unsuspecting driver may collide with a motorcycle as the driver tries to change lanes.

Hazardous Road Conditions – Motorcycles have to be very concerned about road obstructions such as potholes, gravel, sand and fallen tree limbs. Railroad tracks may be a minor problem for drivers, but a motorcyclist may have to slow down or change lanes to avoid these obstacles.

The Labor Day Weekend marks the last long weekend of the summer for motorcyclists to ride on extended trips. As a leader do I know who my motorcyclists are and if they will be safely riding this holiday? Have I cared enough to have checked in with my troops and let them know we need them safely back at work after the holiday?

This is the **30th** Class A **PMV-2** (two-wheeled motor vehicles) fatality in FY14 compared to **31** for the same time frame in FY13. 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).

Our Army depends on you to use these PLRs to help Soldiers understand the impact of decisions made on and off duty.

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