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PMV-4 Mishap Claims One Soldier's Life

A Staff Sergeant assigned to the U.S. Army Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, died in a PMV-4 mishap 31 March 2018 in Fayetteville, North Carolina, at 0400 local. The Soldier was reportedly driving above the posted speed limit when his vehicle exited the roadway, struck a tree and caught fire.

ENGAGEMENT TIPS:

- Drivers who travel at higher speeds have less time to identify and react to what is happening around them. It takes them longer to stop. And if there is a crash, it is more severe, causing greater injury to the occupants and any pedestrian or rider they hit.
- Excessive speed contributes to 14 percent of collisions in which someone is killed, 7 percent of crashes resulting in a serious injury and 4 percent of all injury collisions. In 2015,

222 people were killed in crashes involving someone exceeding the speed limit and a further 167 people died when someone was traveling too fast for the conditions.

- Approximately two-thirds of all crashes in which people are killed or injured happen on roads with a speed limit of 30 mph or less. At 35 mph a driver is twice as likely to kill someone as they are at 30 mph.

PLRs provide leaders with awareness of Army loss and highlight potential trends that affect combat readiness. 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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