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Pedestrian Mishap Claims One Soldier's Life

A 19-year-old Private assigned to 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas, died in a pedestrian mishap 14 February 2019 near Edinburg, Texas, at 2300 local. The Soldier was standing next to her disabled vehicle along an interstate highway when she was struck by a passing motorist.

ENGAGEMENT TIPS:

- If you are involved in a vehicle accident or other roadside emergency:
 - Pull over and out of traffic if possible. Even if all of the emergency lights are activated, some highway drivers do not pay close attention and could rear-end the disabled vehicle, causing further damage or injury.
 - If you must exit the vehicle, do so safely and well away from oncoming traffic and your vehicle.
 - If possible, you and any passengers should exit through the side of the vehicle facing away from the road.
 - Not only do you need to stay out of the roadway, you need to put as much distance as possible between you and the disabled vehicle until traffic has been diverted around it.

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