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PMV-4 Mishap Claims One Soldier's Life

A 23-year-old Specialist assigned to Fort Wainwright, Alaska, died in a PMV-4 mishap 7 February 2020 on Parks Highway, Alaska, at 1540 local. The Soldier was operating his PMV, with two other Soldiers as passengers, when he collided head on with a civilian F-350. All three Soldiers were pinned inside the vehicle. The driver was pronounced dead at the scene. The two passengers were transported to the local hospital for unspecified non-fatal injuries. One of the injured Soldiers has been treated and released, while the other remains in serious condition. The mishap is under investigation.

Since FY16, the Army has lost an average of 34 Soldiers a year to PMV-4 mishaps. This was the 11th fatal off-duty PMV-4 mishap of FY20 and barely below the 13 PMV-4 fatalities for the same time period in FY19. PMV-4 mishaps continue to be the biggest killer of our Soldiers.

PLRs are intended to be used as an engagement tool for leaders to discuss the hazards and trends impacting Soldier safety and readiness. The PLR contains only basic information but provides sufficient background to allow leaders an opportunity to communicate risk at the Soldier level. More detailed information on this and other Army mishaps can be found on the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center website at <https://safety.army.mil/lessonslearned>.

To access current U.S. Army accident statistics and reports, visit <https://safety.army.mil/STATISTICS>.

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Additional U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center PLR resources can be found on the USACRC website at <https://safety.army.mil/PLR>.

