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PMV-4 Mishap Claims One Soldier's Life

A Private First Class assigned to White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico, died in a PMV-4 mishap 4 June 2020 on the installation at 0400 local. The Soldier was riding as a passenger in another Soldier's private motor vehicle when they struck a staggered barrier positioned in front of the installation entry gate, causing the vehicle to flip. The gate guard reported that the driver did not slow down or apply the brake before the mishap. The Soldier who was riding as a passenger was pronounced dead at the scene, while the driver was taken to the local hospital with non-fatal injuries. It is unknown at this time if seat belts were used or if alcohol was a factor. The mishap is under investigation.

Since 2016, the Army has lost an average of 34 Soldiers a year to off-duty PMV-4 mishaps. This mishap is the 22nd off-duty PMV-4 fatality of FY20 and less than the number of similar fatalities during the same time period last year.

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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