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Off-Duty Water-Related Mishap Claims One Soldier's Life

A 24-year-old Specialist assigned to Fort Hood, Texas, died in an off-duty water-related mishap 1 August 2020 at Stillhouse Hollow Lake in Bell County, Texas, at 1515 local. The Soldier was riding in an inner tube pulled by a boat when he fell into the water and did not resurface. Another Soldier in the group contacted the county sheriff's office. Divers began searching the area immediately following the arrival of law enforcement officers. The Soldier's body was recovered by local authorities the following day and positively identified by unit leadership. The mishap is under investigation.

Since FY16, the Army has lost an average of eight Soldiers a year to off-duty water-related mishaps. This tragedy was the eighth fatal off-duty water-related mishap of FY20 and below the number of off-duty water-related fatalities from this time 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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