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A Staff Sergeant assigned to Fort Irwin, California, died in a PMV-2 mishap 11 October 2020 near Huntington Beach, California, at 0400 local. The regimental staff duty noncommissioned officer received a call from the Soldier's father stating the Soldier and his brother were involved in a crash while riding separate motorcycles. The brother reportedly died on the scene. The Soldier was transported by first responders to the local medical center, where he died during surgery. The specific circumstances of the mishap, including use of personal protective equipment, completion of required Motorcycle Safety Foundation courses, and contributing factors are unknown at this time due to lack of witnesses. The unit is awaiting additional information from the local authorities.

Since 2016, the Army has lost an average of 28 Soldiers a year to PMV-2 mishaps. This is the second PMV-2 fatality of FY21 and above the number of fatalities for 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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