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# PMV-2 Mishap Claims One Soldier's Life

A Sergeant First Class assigned to Fort Carson, Colorado, died in an off-duty PMV-2 mishap 17 October 2020 in Fountain, Colorado, at 1700 local. The Soldier and three other riders were operating their motorcycles when an aggressive driver attempted to pass on the left shoulder, according to witnesses. The driver made a right turn back into traffic, striking the lead motorcycle riders who were riding in pairs. The Soldier and another rider were forced into the opposite lane and into a ditch before their motorcycles came to rest. A witness who was emergency medical technician-qualified stopped to render aid. The Soldier was pronounced dead at the scene while the other rider suffered a concussion, contusions and bruises. The driver left the scene, but was arrested the following day. The Soldier was wearing personal protective equipment and completed the required Motorcycle Safety Foundation training courses. Speed, alcohol and drug involvement are not currently suspected to have contributed to the mishap, which is under investigation.

Since 2016, the Army has lost an average of 33 Soldiers a year to off-duty PMV-2 mishaps. This mishap is the first off-duty PMV-2 fatality of FY21.

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