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A Specialist (91B10, Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic) assigned to Fort Campbell, Kentucky, died in an industrial/occupational mishap 8 December 2020 in the unit motor pool at 1040 local. The mechanic was exchanging the bottle of an Automatic Fire Extinguishing System (AFES) in an M1151 Up-Armored HMMWV. Upon removal of the AFES bottle from the mount, the AFES bottle discharged and struck the mechanic in the head resulting in fatal injuries.

This was the first industrial/occupational fatality of FY21.

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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