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# Aviation Mishap Claims Three Soldiers' Lives



A Chief Warrant Officer 4 and two Chief Warrant Officer 3s assigned to the Idaho Army National Guard, Boise, Idaho, died in an aviation mishap 2 February 2021 near Boise. Shortly after 2000 local, the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center contacted the Idaho Guard to say it had received an active emergency locator transmitter signal from the aircraft. Search and rescue was initiated and the crash site was located approximately four hours later in mountainous, snow-covered terrain, at an elevation of 5,180 feet. The cause of the mishap is under investigation by the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center.

Since FY16, the Army has had an average of eight Class A aviation flight mishaps and lost an average of seven Soldiers per year to on-duty aviation mishaps. This was the fourth Class A aviation mishap of FY21 and equal to the number of similar mishaps 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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